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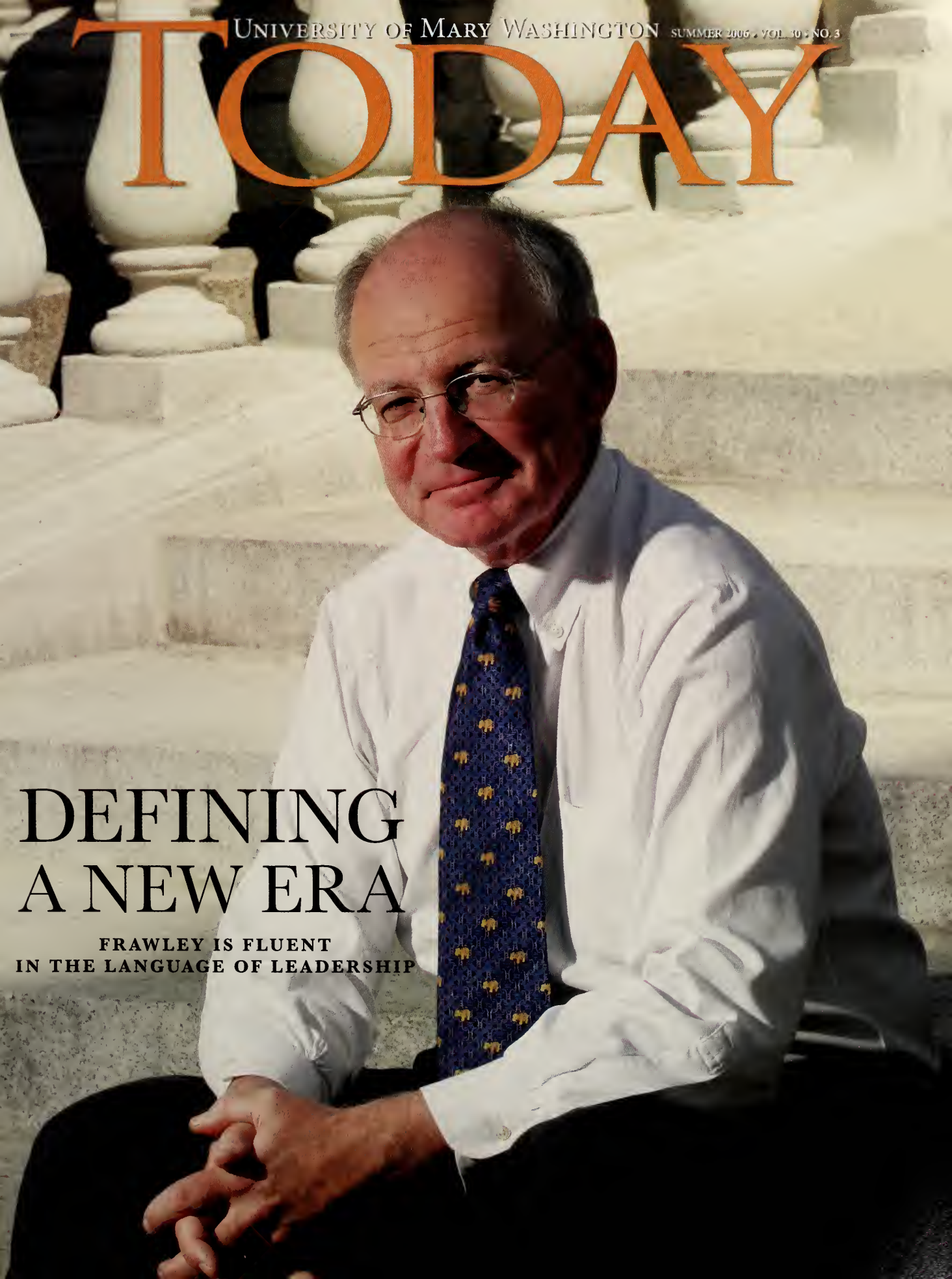

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CORRECTIONS

We regret the following errors in the Spring issue of *University of Mary Washington TODAY*:

Allison Stagg '02, who was featured in the cover story about alumni pursuing full-time art careers, is a doctoral candidate at University College London. Aspiring to become a museum curator, she is working toward a Ph.D. in American and British art. The name of Stagg's school was misidentified.

In the same issue, the late **Sonja D. Haydar**'s name was misspelled in a headline.

Commencement 2006 was a day for reflection and anticipation. Xueying Zhang, who received her M.Ed. degree, was one of more than 1,100 students who processed into Ball Circle to pick up a UMW diploma.

Photo by Robert A. Martin

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Commencements and conclusions

Graduates and president taking off for amazing places

The weather on Commencement Day 2006 reflected the mood of many in the crowd of several thousand in attendance – bright with a few passing clouds. Mary Washington's graduation ceremony on May 13 marked the final commencement presided over by William M. Anderson Jr., who retired last month.

There was the usual pomp and pageantry, festivity and flourish. This year, however, a few more tears may have been shed and rounds of applause offered. After conferring a doctorate of humane letters upon Anderson, Rector Mona D. Albertine noted, "The joy of accomplishment today is marked by the tinge of sadness."

Anderson, who likely has greeted more than 20,000 new Mary Washington graduates over the years, shook hands with 1,120 students who this year walked across the stage on Ball Circle to pick up their diplomas.

Among the degrees awarded were:

- one master of arts in liberal studies degree
- 42 master of business administration degrees
- 117 master of education degrees
- 26 master of science in elementary education degrees
- 445 bachelor of arts degrees
- 53 bachelor of liberal studies degrees
- 56 bachelor of professional studies degrees
- 380 bachelor of science degrees

In addition to his honorary degree, Anderson was awarded emeritus status. Albertine characterized Anderson's myriad accomplishments by quoting the epitaph on architect Christopher Wren's gravestone: "If you seek his monument, look around you."

Photos by Robert A. Martin

Marion C. Blakey '70, head of the FAA, urged graduates to step out of their comfort zones and take flight.

A fellow recipient of the doctorate of humane letters was commencement speaker Marion C. Blakey '70, who oversees the Federal Aviation Administration. She urged graduates to take risks and to soar. "I'm sure there are quite a few graduates here today who think you know where you want to be in five years … in 10 years.

"But for those of you who don't have it all figured out, that can be a big asset. I know. That's where I was. Because those forks in the road, those detours, can take you some pretty amazing places that there's no way to anticipate."

An international studies major, Blakey has been appointed by several different U.S. presidents to key administrative positions. She served as chair of the National Transportation Safety Board and as administrator of the federal Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Blakey, who now is responsible for regulating the nation's airways and operating the world's largest air traffic control system, also has run her own public affairs consulting firm. She worked in the departments of Commerce, Education and Transportation, as well as with the National Endowment for the Humanities and at the White House as special assistant to President Ronald Reagan.

"It all starts with how open you are…how willing you are to step back and constantly reassess. It's about how you see yourself. And just as important: how others see you. You need to be willing to take a risk…to step outside that comfort zone…that place where you define yourself."

And do it now, Blakey urged. "You've got time. You've got youth. You've got the energy to light it up. Do it now before you have constraints that seem to put chances beyond your reach."

Graduation honors

On Commencement Day, former President **William M. Anderson Jr.** received two awards: an honorary doctorate of humane letters and emeritus status. In addition, emeritus status was posthumously awarded to **Taddesse Adera**, a professor of English who died in January.

Rector Mona D. Albertine said to graduates: "The faculty has guided you, chided you and inspired you." Four faculty members who received recognition at commencement were:

John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science, was presented the Grellet C. Simpson Award, which is given each year as the institution's most prestigious award for excellence in undergraduate teaching. The recipient is usually a senior member of the faculty. Kramer joined the faculty of UMW in 1970.

Craig T. Naylor, assistant professor of music, received the UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, which is presented annually to an exceptional member of the faculty who has served the institution for at least two years but no more than five years. Naylor joined the faculty of UMW in 2001.

Claudia Emerson, associate professor of English and Arrington Distinguished Chair of Poetry, was awarded the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award. The recipient of the award is selected by the graduating class as the professor students will most likely remember as the one who had the greatest impact on their lives. Emerson received the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry. She joined the faculty of UMW in 1998.

Norah S. Hooper, associate professor of education, received the College of Graduate and Professional Studies Outstanding Faculty Member Award. This award is presented annually to an exceptional full-time faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and professional leadership and who has taught at the Stafford campus for at least two years. Hooper joined the faculty of UMW in 2001.

Two graduating seniors tied for the top undergraduate academic award. Receiving the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award, presented annually to the student with the highest grade-point average in the four-year undergraduate program, were **Autumn Joy Brown** of Elkton, Va., and **Amy Katherine Jessee** of Wytheville, Va. Each finished with a 3.96 grade-point average.

In an awards presentation before Commencement, Jessee also received the UMW Alumni Award for demonstrating an outstanding combination of academic excellence, leadership and service to the University; Brown was presented the Elizabeth M. Baumgarten Leadership Award for outstanding service to the University and community.

Other student award winners were:

Paul M. Whitley of Midland, Va., UMW Alumni Association Bachelor of Liberal Studies Distinguished Graduate Award for academic excellence and citizenship.

Carissa Culbreath of Falls Church, Va., **Mandy Gabriel** of Fairfield, Conn., **Grant Lahmann** of Olympia, Wash., **Frank Puleo** of Westminster, Md., **Genevieve Sullivan** of South Bend, Ind., UMW Outstanding Student Leadership Award for leadership and service through involvement in activities and organizations.

Erin Polk of Midlothian, Va., the Clara Boyd Wheeler Senior Service Award for a graduating senior who exemplifies grace, a spirit of service and the ability to change lives.

Kristen Borkoski of Southampton, N.Y., and **Shin Fujiyama** of Falls Church, Va., received the Alex J. Naden Memorial Award for students who show a spirit of leadership throughout their college careers.

In addition, two faculty members were honored at the pre-Commencement ceremony. **Gary Stanton**, associate professor of historic preservation, received the Mortar Board Outstanding Professor award; **Scott Powers**, assistant professor of French, received the Outstanding Service to Students award from the senior class.

In addition, three students from UMW's College of Graduate and Professional Studies were honored for outstanding achievements at a Graduate Awards Reception. Each of these students had to have had at least a 3.8 grade-point average and demonstrated leadership, enthusiasm, commitment and professional potential.

Pamela Haskett Denton of Stafford County, Va., Award for Outstanding Master of Business Administration Student.

Joshua James Goldberg of Spotsylvania County, Va., Award for Outstanding Bachelor of Professional Studies Student.

Duane Taylor Graysay of Stafford County, Va., Award for Outstanding Master of Education Student. Graysay completed the program with a 4.0 grade-point average.

Also, **Jennifer Harris Conlee** of Spotsylvania County, Va., received the Delta Kappa Gamma Virginia Scholars Award. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a professional honor society for women educators.

Collar debut

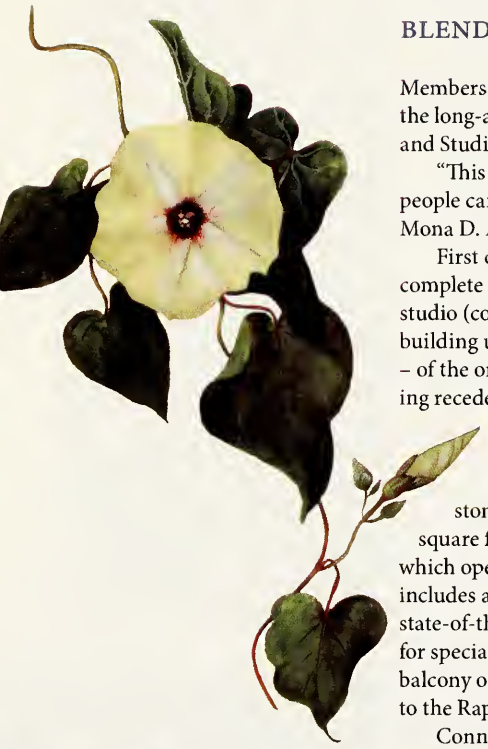
Robert A. Martin

President William M. Anderson Jr. paused in his office before leading his last commencement processional at UMW.

During the three-hour commencement ceremony on May 13, former president William M. Anderson Jr. was adorned with heavy metal. He wore over his black regalia a gold chain, known as a presidential collar. The chain, a first for UMW, was custom made by North Carolina jeweler Susannah Ravenswing, who had created a similar piece for Wake Forest University.

Ravenswing incorporated throughout the collar symbols significant to the history of Mary Washington, including emblems bearing the names of the University's six presidents and the six previous names of the institution. Crafted from gold-plated sterling silver with lapis lazuli gem accents, the chain's links are connected by blossoms of dogwood, the Virginia state tree. A large medallion depicting the UMW seal is flanked by white oak leaves modeled after the oak tree at Brompton, home of the president.

The collar will be passed along to President William J. Frawley, who will wear it at his inauguration in September and on other ceremonial occasions.



Pavilion at Belmont blends new with the old

Members of the UMW Board of Visitors cut a ribbon at the long-awaited Studio Pavilion at Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont on May 12.

"This building is evidence that a small group of people can make big things happen," said Board Rector Mona D. Albertine.

First conceived in 1997 in conjunction with a complete restoration of the Gari Melchers painting studio (completed in 2000), the addition to the historic building utilizes the materials – steel, copper and stone – of the original structure. The façade of the new building recedes behind the older profile to maintain the view of the grounds enjoyed by Gari and Corrine Melchers.

Attached to Gari Melchers' original 1924 stone studio, the Pavilion provides nearly 8,500 square feet of new space on two levels. The main level, which opens onto Belmont's lovely restored gardens, includes a large public event room, equipped with state-of-the-art technology, that can be privately rented for special events, weddings or business meetings. A balcony off the event room overlooks the woods leading to the Rappahannock River.

Connecting the original studio with the new facility is a refurbished gallery that will allow the safe exhibition of light-sensitive works such as prints, drawings and photographs. The first exhibit is *Rescued From Obscurity: Eighty Botanicals by Bessie Niemeyer Marshall.* The exhibit, which is lent by the Petersburg Garden Club, will continue through Aug. 6. Marshall was a self-taught Virginia artist who received scant recognition for her remarkable watercolor technique; her botanicals are the primary surviving record of a unique 1930s Works Progress Administration (WPA) project that put women to work creating a wildflower sanctuary at Lee Memorial Park in Petersburg.

Karen Pearlman

Mona Albertine (left) and Karen Radley cut up with other Board members while cutting the ribbon at the new Pavilion. Vine above is part of the Pavilion's first exhibit, which features botanicals.

The Pavilion's lower level will allow the museum to store its collection of more than 2,000 paintings in a secure and climate-controlled environment. A catering kitchen and loading dock are also on this level.

Designed by Quinn Evans Architects of Washington, D.C., the Pavilon project was funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia through the University of Mary Washington, which administers the 27-acre estate and former residence of Gari Melchers.

Cottage in Snow *by Gari Melchers*

Painting acquired by Gari Melchers Home and Studio

The opening of the new Studio Pavilion at Belmont featured the unveiling of the first Gari Melchers painting to be purchased by the museum. *Cottage in Snow* was acquired in late 2005 with private funds secured by former UMW President William M. Anderson Jr.

Painted between 1917 and 1922 during Melchers' residence in Virginia, the painting shows a stone cottage, once located in the front pasture at Belmont, that conveyed with the property when the artist bought it in 1916. Melchers used it as a temporary studio until his new studio adjacent to the house was completed in 1924. The cottage was demolished in 1966.

Many of Melchers' most appealing landscapes are poetic images like *Cottage in Snow*, images in which he aimed to reproduce the subtle atmospheric effects of weather and sunlight at different times of the day.

The paint on *Cottage in Snow* was barely dry when a New York collector, Hersey Egginton, purchased it through Melchers' principal dealer in Manhattan, Arthur Milch. Egginton owned at least one additional Melchers work, titled *Ingleside in Spring*, picturing the neighboring farm. *Cottage in Snow* passed through the Egginton family until 1982, when they sold it. It changed hands a few more times until Gari Melchers Home and Studio purchased it. The painting is in its original frame, which is surrounded by a matching, larger frame more appropriate to the dimensions of the work.

At 67, sixties songster better than ever

The two had never met, but they made beautiful music together.

On Saturday, April 22, legendary singer Judy Collins teamed up with the University of Mary Washington-Community Symphony Orchestra for a soul-stirring performance before a packed Dodd Auditorium.

After a solo warm-up by the orchestra, Collins appeared on stage and plunged into her signature "Both Sides Now."

The orchestra backed Collins, though they never had practiced with her. "Judy felt sick in a concert in Greensboro the night before, and was unable to attend our dress rehearsal in the morning," said orchestra director Kevin Bartram. "The first time the orchestra saw her was when she came out for 'Both Sides Now' – a scary prospect for both of us."

Judy Collins

The song ended, Collins whispered "Fantastic!" to the director, and the tone for the evening was set. As the show progressed, Bartram and Collins established a rapport that made for not only good music, but also good fun.

"At one point, she held an inordinately long note – diva style," Bartram said. "I turned to the audience and checked my watch. She appreciated that and laughed."

The performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Orchestra, was part of the orchestra's annual Celebrity Series, which in the past has featured Broadway composer Marvin Hamlisch and the Canadian Brass. It was announced at the concert that the series will now be named the "William M. Anderson Celebrity Series," in honor of the retiring President Anderson's years of service to the University and the community.

At 67, Judy Collins maintains the voice and the star quality that has defined her career. Her first album, *A Maid of Constant Sorrow,* was released in 1961. She gained fame for her rendition of Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now" on her classic 1967 album, *Wildflowers.* "Both Sides Now" has since been entered into the Grammy Hall of Fame. Collins' version of "Send in the Clowns," a ballad written by Stephen Sondheim for the Broadway musical *A Little Night Music,* won the 1975 Grammy Awards Song of the Year.

In addition to performing that evening, Collins presented a one-hour free master class in the afternoon. She talked about her early career, her parents and her songwriting. She also sang some of her favorite songs a cappella.

During the second half of the concert, Collins sang "Saints and Angels" – a tribute she composed for the flood-ridden city of New Orleans. Just then, a violent rainstorm hit Dodd Auditorium, and a small cascade of water streamed onto Collins' piano. Despite the unexpected shower, she performed the song seamlessly.

Collins returned for two encores – "Send in the Clowns" with orchestral accompaniment and "Amazing Grace" a cappella (with enthusiastic audience vocal accompaniment).

"She was one of the most positive artists we have ever worked with," Bartram said. "The orchestra and I had a wonderful time. ...Judy Collins is indeed amazing and graceful."

Duane Berger

Bells will be ringing

John Chappell and his family joined President William M. Anderson Jr. and members of the UMW Board of Visitors during Reunion Weekend to celebrate the groundbreaking for the Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 Centennial Campanile. Anderson told guests that the "bells will soon be ringing to celebrate the life of Carmen Chappell and the future of the University of Mary Washington." Construction of the privately funded bell tower will take place in the traffic circle at George Washington Hall.

Another Great Life

Karen Pearlman

Evan Thomas, assistant managing editor of Newsweek *magazine, was one of the concluding speakers for the 2006 Chappell Lecture Series, Great Lives. The author of* Robert Kennedy: His Life, *Thomas signed copies of his book and spoke about RFK. The popular series will begin again in January.*

The Beat Goes On

Karen Pearlman

Rain or shine, the festivities continue. With a downpour outside, the Multicultural Fair moved inside and stayed upbeat.

Three UMW professors named Fulbright Scholars

Two UMW professors recently were named Fulbright Scholars, raising to three UMW's Fulbright representatives for the next academic year.

Suzanne C. de Janasz, associate professor of leadership and management at the University's College of Graduate and Professional Studies, will spend five months in spring 2007 in Poland as a lecturer at Warsaw University's School of Management. **Stephen J. Farnsworth**, associate professor of political science, will be Fulbright Research Chair at McGill University in Montreal during the 2006-07 academic year. In February, UMW announced that Christopher Kilmartin, professor of psychology, will spend spring 2007 in Austria as Fulbright-University of Klagenfurt Distinguished Chair in Gender Studies.

Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement. They also are chosen because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

De Janasz, co-author of *Interpersonal Skills in Organizations*, is an expert in the fields of mentoring, managing work and family, networking, interpersonal skills and leadership. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, and a master of business administration and a doctorate in business administration from the University of Southern California.

Karen Pearlman

UMW's 2006 Fulbright Scholars are Stephen J. Farnsworth (left), Suzanne C. de Janasz and Christopher Kilmartin.

Farnsworth is an expert in U.S. and Virginia government and politics, as well as mass media and politics. He will work on an international media project that compares U.S. and international media coverage of the U.S. government. Farnsworth co-authored *The Mediated Presidency: Nightly News and Presidential Governance* and *The Nightly News Nightmare: Network Television's Coverage of U.S. Presidential Elections, 1988-2000.* He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and Dartmouth College, and a master of government and a doctorate in government from Georgetown University.

Kilmartin is an author and licensed clinical psychologist who has worked with businesses, college students, human service workers and counselors. He is a nationally recognized expert on the prevention of sexual assault and sexual harassment on college campuses.

The U.S. Congress began the Fulbright Scholar Program in 1946 to "enable the government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries." It is the largest program of its kind, and it has sponsored nearly 265,000 scholars. Coordinated by the U. S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Scholar Program for faculty and professionals is administered with the help of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

Fulbright guarantees scholar a return to Germany

After **Matthew Kirchner** spent summer semester 2005 in Frieburg, Germany, he knew he wanted to return – and stay longer. Now, thanks, to a Fulbright Scholarship, the December 2005 UMW graduate will do just that.

"To say I'm ecstatically thrilled only scratches the surface," said Kirchner, who lives in Charlottesville. "I think I will be telling total strangers [about the Fulbright]. It is hard to contain the excitement. Step by step, dreams are starting to become a reality."

While Kirchner was completing a degree at Mary Washingtion in education and German, he looked to former Fulbright Scholars for guidance. The late Taddesse Adera, professor of English emeritus and campus Fulbright adviser, helped Kirchner submit the application that would help him return to Germany.

In March, just over a month after Adera's sudden death, Kirchner received an offer of a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship Scholarship for 2006-07. His duties will include about 12 hours of English instruction, after-school tutoring in conversational English and help with extra-curricular activities at the school to which he will be assigned.

While he is in Germany, he plans not only to teach but to study; he set his sights on graduate school overseas.

"My dream now is to continue studying Germanistik – German language and literature – at the Albert-Ludwigs Universität Freiburg," Kirchner said. "As cliché as this may sound, I never wanted anything more than to receive this Fulbright Scholarship. I feel so incredibly fortunate to have received this honor."

Tom Ordway, Ocean Futures Society

Jean-Michel Cousteau of the Ocean Futures Society explores a coral reef.

Cousteau plunges into environmental issues

This spring, Fredericksburg Forum patrons were transported to a ship filled with state-of-the-art scientific and video equipment designed to research and document the ocean's mysteries. Jean-Michel Cousteau, son of explorer Jacques Cousteau, shared films of his various ocean explorations as he spoke to a packed Dodd Auditorium at the 10th-anniversary Forum.

Cousteau opened with a joke about global warming and the retirement of William M. Anderson Jr. Because Anderson plans to spend his retirement on South Carolina's Hilton Head island, friends need not fret that they won't often see the outgoing president. Since global warming will soon sink Hilton Head under water, Cousteau said, "don't worry, he'll be back soon."

Cousteau followed in his father's footsteps. The son began scuba diving at the age of 7, "before there was certification" for such things, Cousteau said. He worked alongside his father until Jacques Cousteau's death in 1997. Jean-Michel Cousteau established the Ocean Futures Society in his father's honor. The society, which encourages children to join by offering them free membership, is designed to increase environmental awareness.

Cousteau's presentation included some bleak statistics for the future of the environment. One of his biggest concerns is the continuing death of coral reefs. Thirty percent of the world's reefs are already dead, he said, which affects innumerable aspects of the environment. But, Cousteau said, there still is time to right the wrongs humans have inflicted on the planet.

Cousteau also talked about some fun projects in which he has been involved. Disney-Pixar asked him to help animate the fish in the production company's film, *Finding Nemo*. For his efforts, Cousteau was rewarded with a short documentary on coral reefs that was included among the "extras" on the *Finding Nemo* DVD. Cousteau played the finished product for the audience.

After Cousteau's talk, speakers for next year's Forum were announced. Tim Russert, managing editor of *Meet the Press*, will speak Oct. 4. The spring Forum will feature actor James Earl Jones.

– Kristynn Sullivan '09

Mozart and the Queen of Rivers

Members of the President's Travel Club cruised on the Danube River through Austria, Germany and Slovakia. They toured historic sites and visited Salzburg, where they enjoyed musical entertainment in celebration of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 250th birthday. UMW Distinguished Professor Emeritus Sammy Merrill and his wife, Betty, traveled with the group to offer highlights about the German language and unique historical facts of the cities along the Danube, including Passau, Vienna, Melk and Bratislava.

While in Vienna, this group of Mary Washington friends and alumni attended a special performance by the University of Mary Washington-Community Symphony Orchestra led by Kevin Bartram. They also enjoyed a tour of the Hapsburgs' Baroque summer palace of Schonbrunn, where Mozart first performed before the Empress Maria Theresa, and were entertained in the private home of the Baroness Antoinette Van Zabner, a Fulbright scholar and one of Vienna's leading pianists.

The travelers concluded the voyage with a special salute to retiring President William M. Anderson Jr. to commemorate his founding of the UMW President's Travel Club and to recognize his many accomplishments. A number of exciting destinations are under consideration for future excursions. For more information, contact the Office of University Development at 888/692-0004.

The President's Travel Club enjoyed a seven-day cruise on the Danube, often called the "Queen of Rivers," aboard the MV Casanova.

No debate: UMW is in Top 10

Talk may be cheap, but for the University of Mary Washington Debate Team, talking earns national prestige. After participating in the National Debate Tournament held at Northwestern University, the team is ranked 10th in the nation ahead of Harvard, Wake Forest and Northwestern.

Senior Clint Woods of Burke, Va., and freshman Matt Struth of Ashburn, Va., finished 17th overall. Junior Scott Berry of Canton, Conn., and sophomore Nick Ryan of North Liberty, Iowa, did not place in what was their first National Debate Tournament, but they performed well and had a strong finish.

Front (L to R) - Clint Woods, Matt Struth, Nick Ryan, Scott Berry. Back (L to R) - Heather Barnes, Jim Lyle, Tim O'Donnell, Chris DeVault.

The National Debate Tournament marked the end of Woods' college debate career, which he concluded with high honors. Besides his placement at the tournament, Wood finished second at the American Debate Association national championship and took first place at the U.S. Naval Academy's competition this spring.

The National Debate Tournament is an intercollegiate debate championship for the most elite 78 two-person debate teams in the nation. The tournament, now in its 60th year, is the most prestigious tournament of the season and one of the oldest national championships. This is the third year Mary Washington has competed in the tournament, and UMW was one of the few schools represented by more than just one team.

Tim O'Donnell is the director of debate for the Mary Washington team.

– Marie N. Purkert '07

Anderson leaves legislative legacy

During his three decades at Mary Washington, former President William M. Anderson Jr. spent many hours at the State Capitol lobbying legislators on behalf of his institution.

To honor his retirement, House Joint Resolution No. 273 was passed and presented to Anderson on the floor of the General Assembly in March.

The resolution praised Anderson for his numerous contributions in support of the liberal arts and sciences mission of the institution, including increased academic opportunity for students, improvements to the physical campus and expansion of the University's endowment.

In recognition of his many achievements, the resolution commends Anderson "for his long and exceptional service to the students, faculty, staff and alumni of the University of Mary Washington and, moreover, to the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia."

Sponsored by Delegates Mark Cole '93, William Howell, Michèle McQuigg '68, Robert Orrock, Christopher Peace, Edward Scott and Robert Wittman, as well as Senators John Chichester, Edward Houck, Ryan McDougle and Toddy Puller '67, the resolution expressed the General Assembly's best wishes for a fulfilling and joyful retirement.

Cynthia Newmark

Del. Bill Howell (right) was one of the sponsors of a resolution presented at the General Assembly to the retiring Bill Anderson.

Executives drive home financial points

People wondering where to put their money got some high-dollar advice on the Mary Washington campus in March.

The University's annual Executive-in-Residence program had a different twist this year. Instead of one executive, the program featured four – all financial experts, all with connections to Mary Washington.

Each painted a different picture of the economic landscape and dispensed varied advice for navigating it.

Panelist Doug Stewart, managing director of Fredericksburg's Stewart Wealth Management Group of Wachovia Securities, Inc., seemed to sum things up by stating: "Investing is like driving up I-95. The lane you're in may stop, so you switch over to the lane that is moving. But then that lane stops and the lane you were just in starts moving again.

"The key," said Stewart, whose wife Cathy attended Mary Washington, "is to own all the lanes of traffic." Stewart's advice from this analogy? "Invest, invest, invest. Diversify, diversify, diversify."

Randall Eley, founder, president and chief investment officer of the Edgar Lomax Co. and current member of the UMW Board of Visitors, also told audience members to be flexible. His counsel: Don't worry so much about changes in the global market, and invest at home first.

Other panelists who spoke at the three sessions – one for local business leaders at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center and two for students and faculty in Lee Ballroom – were Frank Cappiello, chairman and managing director of Montgomery Brothers, Cappiello LLC; and Richard Mayo, chairman of Mayo Capital Partners LLC.

Cappiello, who moderated the discussion titled "Investing in the Changing Economy," asked each panel member to describe the most important factors in today's financial market.

Mayo, whose wife, Sara Page, is a 1964 Mary Washington graduate, takes what he calls a pessimistic approach to investing. He stresses the importance of understanding your environment and the risks involved so that you can react quickly to changes or problems.

All four panelists mentioned their concerns about the national debt as well as the decline in the housing market.

"Houses are becoming ATMs," Mayo said in reference to people taking equity out of their homes to secure loans. Stewart agreed with Mayo that if housing prices "burst their bubble," the U.S. economy will take a downturn.

Cappiello, whose wife, Marie, is a 1951 graduate of Mary Washington, ended on a happier note. The United States is still viable economically, he said, and remains competitive with other nations on the rise, such as Japan and China.

– Andrea L. Christie '07

Karen Pearlman

Executives in a row (left to right): Doug Stewart, Randall Eley, Richard Mayo and Frank Cappiello.

William and Theresa Crawley

Couple's commitment earns medallions

Washington Medallions were presented in April to **William B. Crawley Jr.** and his wife, **Theresa Young Crawley '77**, in recognition of their "extraordinary accomplishments, generosity and service" to the University of Mary Washington. With only three previous recipients, the Washington Medallion is one of the University's most prestigious awards and is made jointly by the President of the University and the Board of Visitors.

The Crawleys were honored for having made "a lasting and indelible impact on the institution and [for having] played a major role in helping the University become the institution that it is today."

Bill Crawley, who came to Mary Washington in 1970, has served his entire professional career at the University, currently as Distinguished Professor of History, University Historian and co-chair of the University Centennial Steering Committee. He also has worked devotedly to initiate highly successful programs such as the Center for Historic Preservation, the First-Year Seminar in United States History, and the Great Lives lecture series. Among the awards Crawley has garnered are the Mortar Board Outstanding Faculty Award, the Grellet C. Simpson Award – the highest honor bestowed by the University upon a faculty member – and the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award, given by the graduating class to the professor they select as having had the most profound impact upon their lives.

Terrie Crawley has maintained a close and continuous relationship with Mary Washington since her graduation. She has served on the University's Foundation and Alumni Association boards, earning the Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award from the Alumni Association. As president of the Alumni Association, she was instrumental in establishment of the Washington Scholars program, the first merit-based, full-tuition-and-board scholarship program at UMW.

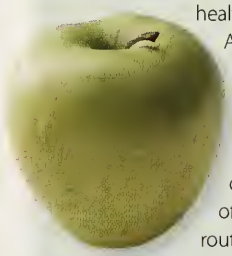
The medallion also recognized the couple for their personal support of students, whom they graciously and frequently welcome into their home; and, most recently, for their estate plan in which they have donated to the University their homes in Fredericksburg and Kilmarnock, Va.

A subsequent recipient of a Washington Medallion was former president William M. Anderson Jr. His award was presented at the Board of Visitors meeting in May.

Nutritionist provides food for thought

A 335-pound linebacker for the Washington Redskins may not have the same dietary needs as a typical college student, but both can benefit from Ann Litt's advice. Author of *The College Student's Guide to Eating Well on Campus,* Litt also is the team nutritionist for the Washington Redskins.

But it is her expertise in helping children, teens and young adults maintain healthy weights that brought Litt to the University of Mary Washington.



As a consultant for Sodexho's Balance Mind, Body and Soul program, Litt tours campuses lecturing on healthful eating habits and the infamous "Freshman 15." Sodexho provides dining services at Mary Washington and other colleges throughout the country.

"The Freshman 15 does exist, but it is a fictitious term," she said of the legendary average weight gain during a student's first year of college. Reasons for the gain include a new environment, irregular routines, recreational or emotional eating, and drinking.

Litt said the weight increase can be offset by eating within an hour of waking and cutting back on drinks – both alcoholic and those that simply add calories without any other benefits – as well as what the government calls "discretionary" food items.

"For 30 years as a nutritionist, I just called it junk…the kind of food that you chose to eat just because it tastes good, the kinds of things that don't fit neatly into the other parts of the food pyramid," Litt said.

However, junk food does fit into Litt's ideas on a well-balanced diet, taken one slice at a time from the remodeled food pyramid, which also stresses the importance of physical activity.

Litt advocates the use of pedometers, with a goal of 10,000 steps a day. For college students, this target may be well within reach.

"When you're on a beautiful campus, such as this one, it's not hard," she said of Mary Washington.

Litt spent her time on campus signing copies of her books, including *Fuel for Young Athletes: Essential Foods and Fluids for Future Champions.*

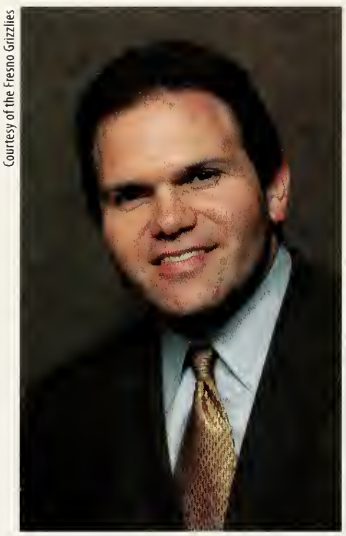
– Amy K. Jessee '06

Ann Litt

Making a mark on the diamond

By Clint Often

Courtesy of the Fresno Grizzlies



Pat Filippone

Something about the Mary Washington baseball program propels participants to greatness – and into professional athletics. Dozens of former Eagles players have graduated to significant careers in the sports world. Their grounding came from a highly successful program, coached by Tom Sheridan, which has advanced to 10 NCAA Division III baseball tournaments and won more than 400 contests since 1988.

Nine Mary Washington players have joined the professional baseball ranks. That's an unprecedented number for a Division III school with such a brief baseball history. And several of these professional players have garnered all-star status, including **Eric Guyton '99** and Jason Pierson, who played a season with former basketball great Michael Jordan.

In addition to another large contingent of former Mary Washington players who have played minor league baseball, still more UMW student-athletes have advanced into careers in professional sports administration. Pioneering this movement was **Pat Filippone '88**. He began his post-graduate career with the Prince William Cannons, later becoming general manager of the club.

In the late 1990s, Filippone became general manager for the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes. He now serves as general manager for the Fresno Grizzlies, the AAA Pacific Coast League affiliate of the San Francisco Giants.

Courtesy of Ripken Baseball

Tim Deyesu (left) with Cal Ripken Jr. at Myrtle Beach's Ripken Experience.

Former UMW All-American **Jin Wong '97** also has made a splash on the national baseball scene. He has risen from the ranks of the minor leagues to the Kansas City Royals, where he serves as director of baseball operations. Among players drafted since Wong joined the Royals are Zack Greinke, Billy Butler, Alex Gordon and Jeff Bianchi.

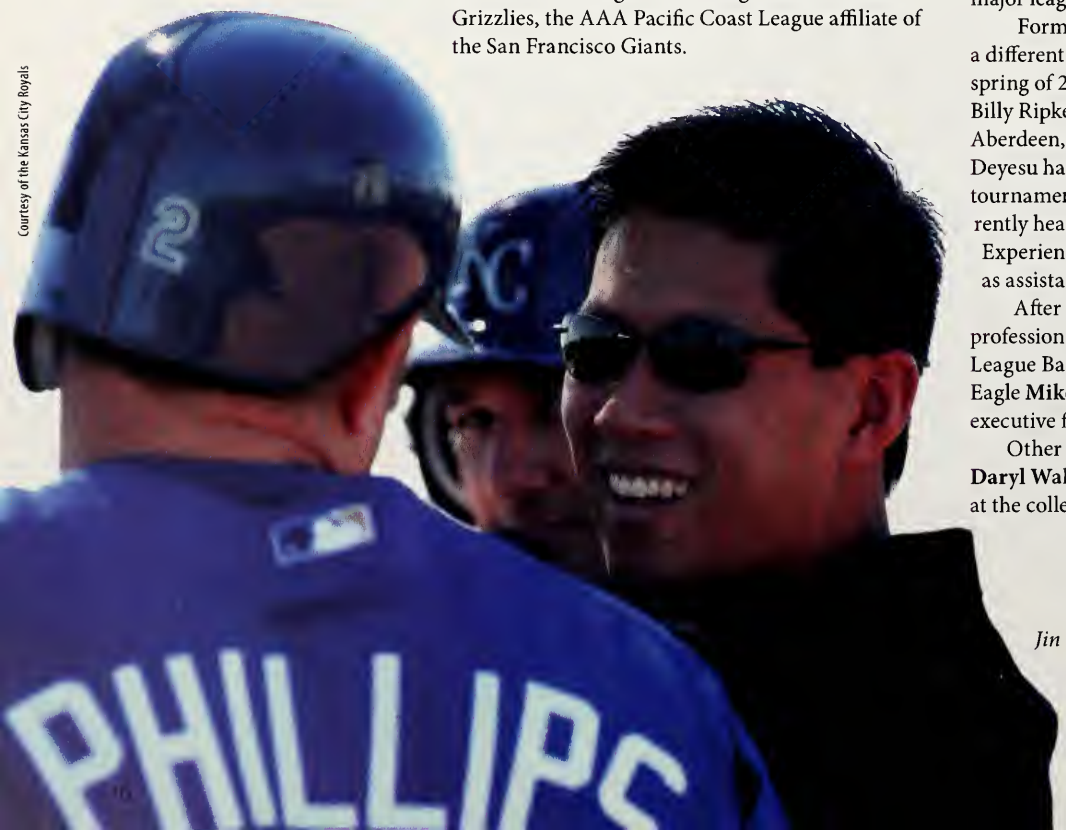
Wong began as an intern with the Atlanta Braves. He has moved swiftly through Kansas City's major league organization from scouting operations coordinator to assistant scouting director to director of baseball operations. He handles everything from in-game video management to free agent acquisitions to major league contracts and arbitrations. He also is in charge of budgeting and scouting operations at both the major and minor league levels. He has won numerous awards in baseball circles, and he is a rising star on the major league front office scene.

Former Eagles catcher **Tim Deyesu '98** took a different path to a career in sports. Since the spring of 2003, Deyesu has worked with Cal and Billy Ripken at the Ripken Baseball Complex in Aberdeen, Md. As director of baseball operations, Deyesu has been responsible for camps and tournaments hosted by the complex. Deyesu is currently heading a new Ripken project, the Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he serves as assistant general manager.

After several years working with various professional sports organizations, including Major League Baseball and All-Star Fan Fest, former Eagle **Mike Shane '04** now works as an account executive for the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats.

Other former UMW baseball players, such as **Daryl Walls '97** and **Josh Mosser '96**, have coached at the collegiate level.

Courtesy of the Kansas City Royals



Jin Wong

Eagles tennis standout competes in home tourney

With a pair of defeats at the NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Tournament, **Paul Bristow '06** closed out the most successful career in the history of UMW men's tennis. Bristow advanced to the quarterfinals of the singles tournament before losing to Middlebury College's Brian Waldron, 6-3, 6-4.

Mary Washington hosted the tournament in May at its new tennis complex, which has a total of 12 courts. Players from 29 schools across the nation were on campus for the tournament.

Bristow and **Randy Loden '09** fell in the first round of the NCAA Division III Men's Tennis doubles tournament, losing to second-seeded Guillaume Schils and Larry Wang of Claremont Mudd-Scripps, 6-3, 6-3. The Eagles duo led, 2-0, in the second set, but the pair from Claremont then won three straight points to take the lead they would not relinquish.

Bristow graduated as the winningest and most decorated player in school history. The resident of Burke, Va., became the first male national champion in school history as a sophomore, when he and partner **Dan Uyar '04** won the 2004 NCAA doubles championship.

In addition to helping the UMW team to the NCAA Championship all four years, he propelled the Eagles to three national quarterfinal appearances, and played in the NCAA singles championships twice and the doubles tournament three times. He earned All-America honors three times in doubles and twice in singles competition.

– Clint Often

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Paul Bristow '06 (above), the winningest player in UMW history, competed in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III national tournament, which drew crowds to the University's new tennis complex (below).

Lou Cordero

UMW All-Americans

In addition to All-America tennis players Paul Bristow and Randy Loden, three other University of Mary Washington athletes attained All-America status this spring.

Women's lacrosse defender **Caitlin O'Leary '06** has been named as a 2006 Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association and U.S. Lacrosse First Team All-American, and attacker **Kaitlyn Barker '07** has been named as a Third Team selection.

O'Leary, who started every game for UMW during her four years, made her mark on the defensive side of the field, as she collected 59 ground balls and caused 41 turnovers. She contributed to the Eagles' most recent 14-6 season, one win shy of the school record, and helped the Eagles back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2003. O'Leary closed her career at UMW ranked in the career Top 10 in ground balls (182) and fifth in caused turnovers (126).

Barker turned in a stellar junior season, leading the team with 65 goals and 81 points in 20 games. She tallied five game-winning goals, and scored at least five goals in seven different games. Her record of 65 goals ranks as the fourth-most in a season in school history, and she currently ranks 14th in school history with 124 points in three seasons.

Kelley Tice '07 is a Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association first team All-America selection for the second straight year. Tice, from Phelan, Calif., has been named All-American three times, as she was a second team selection as a freshman. Tice led UMW to its finest season ever, as the Eagles finished the year ranked as the top team in the Mid-Atlantic region for the first time. Tice, who came to Mary Washington with no prior rowing experience, became All-American in less than a year and is proving to be a promising rower on the national scene.

DEFINING A NEW ERA

FRAWLEY IS FLUENT IN THE LANGUAGE OF LEADERSHIP

By Anna Barron Billingsley

The 1971 valedictorian of Point Pleasant Boro High School in Point Pleasant, N.J., had a decision to make. Athletics or academics? He loved both.

However, had this scholar-athlete chosen only sports, the University of Mary Washington might not have ended up with William J. Frawley as its seventh president. "At 17 years old, I had two passions – books and baseball," Frawley said. "So I followed the advice of that respected sage Yogi Berra, who said, 'When you

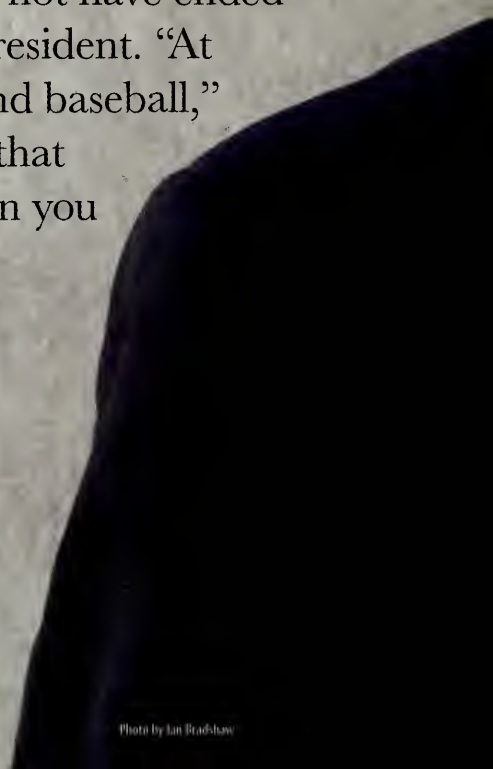


Photo by Ian Bradshaw

come to a fork in the road, take it.' I went off as a freshman to the University of Pennsylvania on an academic and athletic scholarship but soon learned that there were many athletes much more accomplished than I was. When you cannot hit the curveball – and fellow team members are hitting that ball out of the park – you experience a life lesson."

He eventually gave up his athletic scholarship and transferred, across the Delaware River, from the Ivy League school to Glassboro State College (now Rowan University), where he had many friends from high school.

"Glassboro had an enormous effect on my life," Frawley said. "It was there that I learned the value of carefully mentored, liberal arts education with high standards. I learned how honest, well-meaning, hard working, concerned, and approachable faculty can be."

Penn's loss to Glassboro eventually translated into UMW's gain. The decision to transfer to Glassboro, a medium-size public institution that formerly was a teachers' college, according to Frawley, "was a pivotal moment in my life, one that now enables me to appreciate UMW in a fundamental way."

Frawley, 52, made a couple of other stops before landing at UMW. He went on to earn his M.A. and his Ph.D. in linguistics. For 23 years, he was a professor of linguistics and cognitive science and an administrator at the University of Delaware. He was the founding director of Delaware's Office of Undergraduate Studies, and, for the last four years, he served as dean of the Columbian College of Arts & Sciences at The George Washington University, where he also held faculty appointments in the departments of Anthropology and Psychology.

Frawley never aspired to be a university president. This particular time in his life, his energy level, and the Mary Washington opportunity just coalesced, he said. "I know this sounds a little 'quaintly 1960s,' but many of us have an unwavering desire to change the world. If you have that desire, taking the reins of a whole institution is what you ought to do."

He is a self-described "hit-the-ground running" kind of guy. Behind his résumé of stellar academic credentials and scholarly pursuits, he is a family man and animal lover. His wife, Maria, and two children – Christopher, 15, and Emma, 11 – are settling into Brompton, along with their bevy of pets.

Maria Frawley is on sabbatical this year from her job as an associate professor of English at GWU. Bill Frawley said he made clear during the interview process that both he and Maria are career-minded and that his wife's continuing academic accomplishments are an important part of his own presidency.

"I can't tell you how impressive she is. I've seen her check Christopher's homework, take Emma to soccer practice, and in between put the finishing touches on a book," Frawley said. "For a school like UMW, which has a distinguished tradition of producing very smart, accomplished women, Maria is a model and inspiration. I have so much respect for her."

Maria's continuing academic connection to GWU means that the Frawleys may sometimes have a commuter lifestyle, but Bill underscores that they "are totally invested in the Fredericksburg community."

In addition to handling official duties related to her husband's job, Maria is helping the children get settled and adjust to their new roles as part of the presidential family. Christopher, who is autistic, requires special consideration in this respect. "He's a very sweet and gentle boy who's had a tough time of it," Frawley said. "One reason we have so many animals around the house – way too many, it sometimes seems – is that Christopher shows great affection for them. These are the sorts of indulgences you engage in for your children."

The move from his home in Chevy Chase, Md., has allowed Bill Frawley an indulgence of his own. He sleeps in most mornings, getting up at 4:45 a.m. instead of 4:30. When he worked at George Washington, Frawley had to allow for a 12-minute subway ride.

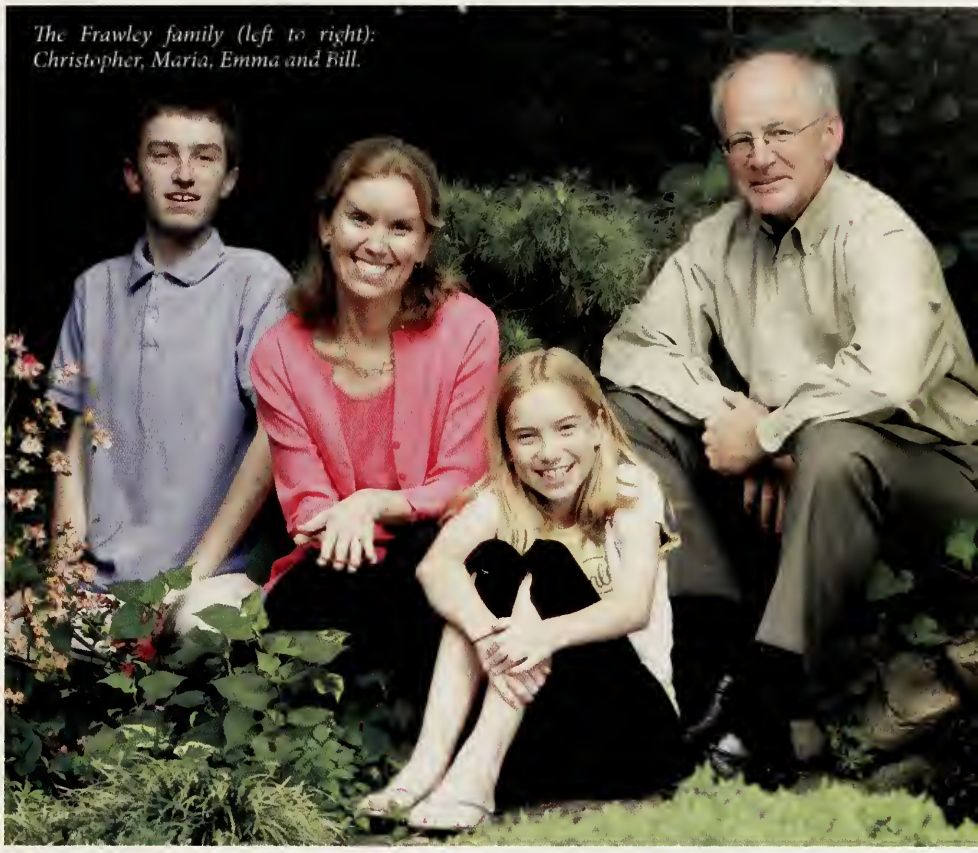
Frawley relishes the early morning hours. He spends that time catching up on his work and sending e-mails. He jogs several miles five mornings a week. "My staff gets e-mails at 4:47 a.m. and they then ask me if I expect them to be up at that time to answer. I've never said 'yes.' And I have answered my students' e-mails at 5:01 a.m., evidently sent just seconds before they went to bed."

As personable and engaging as he is, Frawley is a thinker. You see

DEFINING A FRAWLEY PRESIDENCY

Expect...

- to see him roaming campus and eating occasionally at the Eagle's Nest.
- early-morning e-mails.
- a coffee-drinker (beverage of choice: Starbucks venti caramel macchiato).
- to be engaged and challenged.
- to see the light in his GW office burning about 65 hours a week.
- road trips (he's planning a multi-city tour to meet alumni and friends).
- someone who remembers your name.
- an academic journal on campus.
- to catch him jogging before sunup.
- collegiality and collaboration.
- cool ring tones on his cell phone (thanks to his 11-year-old daughter).
- authenticity and access.
- photographs of family on his desk.
- a devoted family man who posts his children's artwork and delights in his wife's successes.
- many and varied activities at Brompton, with several pets on the premises.
- someone involved in the community.
- an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.
- him to ask faculty members what they're working on.
- thoughfulness and deliberation.
- to find him in the classroom teaching.
- high standards.



Ian Bradshaw

The Frawley family (left to right): Christopher, Maria, Emma and Bill.

him going through the motions – greeting a visitor to his office, rushing from one meeting to another, talking on the phone, buying a cup of coffee, editing a journal, preparing a class lecture – but what you really want is a window into his brain. You are certain it is churning even faster than the rest of him. And he keeps a pretty fast pace.

Two great attributes, he said, are his ability to remember large amounts of information and his quick read of situations.

He read the Mary Washington situation instantly. He wanted to be here.

He is especially glad to assume the helm as Mary Washington prepares for the celebration of its centennial. He views 2008, the anniversary year, as not only a time to "articulate shining moments, accomplishments and achievements," but also an opportunity to look forward and to "take a first-class institution onto a new, higher trajectory."

"I am flattered," Frawley said, "that I have been asked to lead the University at such a crucial point in its history."

Frawley was among more than 100 candidates considered by the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, which was formed last year after William M. Anderson Jr. announced his retirement. Working with a national search firm, the committee narrowed its choices to three, including Frawley, and invited those finalists to campus for public forums in January. Frawley made quite an impression at both campuses on audiences of students, faculty and community members. *The Free Lance-Star* wrote of Frawley: "He proved himself to be quick on his feet – a candidate who had done his homework."

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Students agreed. "He was my top choice,' said Sarah Eckman '06, who was among a group of student leaders who had breakfast with Frawley during his campus visit. "He knew more about UMW than the others, and he respected us."

Frawley said that after his meetings on campus, he immediately had a sense of "we like each other." That fondness has flourished.

"As an administrator, I am very, very concerned about the ordinary life of people I am responsible for," he said. "People need to see that the individuals making decisions affecting them are real and have a genuine appreciation of what they go through."

Having grown up in quite modest circumstances – his mother was a nurse and his father an accountant – Frawley said, "I understand in a deep way what all of us have to do in order to live." Going to college was a big deal for him; apart from his mother's brother, who was an Episcopalian theologian, Frawley and his brother were the first members of his family to be educated beyond high school.

He pointed out that aside from his presidential duties, he leads a rather ordinary life. He drives his daughter to school several days a week, "where I try to ask her about all the important things in her life and she gives me hints, and then reminds me, as only a near-teen can, of how embarrassing I am." He makes time for time away from work. "I try to take Saturdays off. I mow the lawn, wash windows, pretend that I'm handy around the house yet still avoid electrocuting myself, and take the kids to the mall and overspend on them."

In addition to baseball and his family, Frawley loves fishing, art, the beach and reading. "I know how to vigorously do absolutely nothing," he said, conceding that he does have to work at freeing himself up. "I've gotten pretty good at backing away when I have to and recharging my batteries."

But activity energizes him. Frawley always tries to make the best use of his time. "There's so much to do – I feel like I am wasting opportunities every second." He's also good at taking advantage of mere moments of free time. "I've been blessed with being able to focus instantly," he said. "That helped me be dean – an intensely demanding, nonstop position."

Frawley said his faculty appointment as UMW Distinguished University Professor of Linguistics is as important to him as the presidential appointment. He enjoys teaching and looks forward to getting back into the classroom as president, if and when he can. He regularly taught an undergraduate course at GWU called "Minds, Brains and Machines." He said, "If you want to make academic life better, you have to get involved yourself. You can't do it from the outside."

Both he and Maria are voracious readers. Between them, they have authored a small library of books, and both are working on books now (Maria's on Jane Austen; Bill's on higher education – "mindwork," as he calls it).

Maria Frawley

Maria H. Frawley, associate professor of English at The George Washington University, has been eagerly anticipating a sabbatical during the 2006-2007 academic year.

A specialist on 19th-century women writers, Frawley has looked forward to spending the year researching and writing a book about Jane Austen. In her down time, Frawley intends to delve into another one of her interests: 19th-century medical history. Fascinated by the relationship between Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton, Frawley has long desired to take a deeper look at the correspondence between these two female health-care pioneers.

The plan still holds, but the implementation has shifted. Research sessions may have to be coordinated with receptions; writing may have to trade off with handshaking. Now that her husband, William J. Frawley, has assumed the presidency of the University of Mary Washington, Maria Frawley has new and unexpected roles.

"We are excited about this opportunity," said Maria Frawley, who has been married to Bill for more than 20 years. However, she said, the move to Fredericksburg has created a "complex of variables." They plan to keep their home in Chevy Chase, Md., and are still juggling the school possibilities for their two children – Christopher, 15, and Emma, 11 – a situation complicated by their son's very special schooling needs.

Maria (pronounced Muh-RYE-uh) will keep her job at GWU, but is relieved to have the sabbatical during this transition year. Fortunately, too, her teaching schedule allows flexibility, she said. "I've always been able to balance my career with what I like to do," she said. Her primary emphasis is on Christopher and Emma.

Maria, who earned her undergraduate degree at Bucknell University, met Bill at the University of Delaware, where he was teaching linguistics and she was pursuing her doctorate in English. Before becoming a member of the English department faculty at Delaware, she taught at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. She has had a distinguished career as an educator and has had four books published.

The move to Fredericksburg brings Maria Frawley, 45, closer to her roots and to her extended family. A Richmond native, she has two sisters in Virginia and her parents live in Mechanicsville on the outskirts of Richmond. She has a number of relatives in the area, including her cousin, Doug Sanford, a professor in UMW's Department of Historic Preservation.

Regardless of where Maria, Christopher and Emma lay their heads on weeknights, the five Frawley pets will call Brompton home. In addition to three cats – Sadie, Zeke and Lionel – there's Alex the dog and Marley, Emma's fighter fish.

Maria said that she and her husband plan to hold many events at Brompton and "will spend a lot of family time on campus."

– Anna Barron Billingsley

In addition, Bill Frawley has assigned books to his staff members, and at GWU they had a staff reading group. "We read and discussed a range of things, from *Children of Immigration*, a study of the changing American demographics and the effects on higher education, to issues of the *Hedgehog Review* on art and democracy and civil speech. To help run the institution, we got together to do what we know best as academics – think, read, and talk hard. We're continuing this activity here at UMW."

Frawley also edits a journal called *Dictionaries*, which will now be based at UMW. He was editor-in-chief of the four-volume *International Encyclopedia of Linguistics* and he serves on the advisory board for U.S. Dictionary Projects, Oxford University Press. He has also written *Vygotsky and Cognitive Science* (Harvard University Press), a book on the connection between the social and computational mind, and he has just published *The Expression of Modality in Language* (Mouton de Gruyter).

In addition to being a word man, he is a man of his word, according to friends and former colleagues.

Nina Mikhalevsky, one of his assistant deans, praised the "collegial, supportive environment" Frawley created within GWU's college of arts and sciences. "He's an excellent listener," Mikhalevsky said. "And he has a gift of putting people in positions where they can really be successful."

As a leader, she said, "he sets very, very high standards." As a person, she added, "he is patient, understanding and extraordinarily kind."

"Incredibly charming," added Barbara Tesner, executive director of advancement for the Columbian College of Arts & Sciences. That charm, coupled with expertise at "sharing his vision," makes Frawley extremely effective with donors, she said.

During his tenure, he helped raise $45 million for the school of arts and sciences.

"The man has a lot of integrity," said Paul B. Duff, associate dean for undergraduate studies at GWU's college of arts and sciences. "If I can do things half as well as he does, I'm in pretty good shape."

Despite Frawley's intensity and high expectations – co-workers described weekly staff meetings as "brain-emptying" sessions – Duff talked about Frawley's fun side. "We laughed a lot."

There was no laughter at George Washington in February when Frawley announced his departure as dean. "We were all close to tears," said Michael Moses, associate dean for graduate studies at GWU's Columbian College. "He made this more than a job."

In announcing Frawley's selection as UMW president, Rector Mona Albertine, chair of the search committee, praised Frawley for bringing "the proper mix of academic achievement, managerial expertise and strong leadership skills." As head of the Columbian College of Arts & Sciences at GWU, he had responsibility for more than 40 academic departments, including the School of Public Policy and Public Administration, School of Political Management, and School of Media and Public Affairs. His annual operating budget of $65 million, plus some $30 million in active external grants, supported 400 full-time faculty, 300 part-time faculty and 100 staff, in addition to academic programs for 6,000 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students on three campuses.

Frawley earned his doctorate from Northwestern University and his master's from Louisiana State University. A former Fulbright

professor, he has lectured throughout the world, and has held appointments at academic institutes in Hungary, Poland and Morocco.

At George Washington, he developed an exchange program with the Universidad de Chile in Santiago, Chile, which ultimately led to the establishment of GW's Latin American Center there. Frawley envisions similar partnerships between Mary Washington and other institutions. He also wants to capitalize on the strengths of the graduate campus and create more interaction and integration between the two campuses.

Frawley has often talked about Mary Washington's unique geographic location midway between the state capital and the national capital. "Where else can you get a classic liberal arts education and graduate and professional training in the thick of state and national politics?" Frawley said.

He sees Mary Washington as having a crucial role to play in higher education. "We need to position the school to use its strong and honorable past as the launch point for new ideas and programs. UMW is the driving intellectual force in the area and should take a leadership role in advancing the region and state."

> If you want to make academic life better, you have to get involved yourself. You can't do it from the outside.

But it won't be a one-man show. In addition to relying heavily on Bill Anderson's legacy and the University's past successes, Frawley plans to bring many voices to the table. "There's no such thing as a vision of one," he said. "Every decision takes more than one brain."

Expect change. "Change is healthy," he said, "not change for change's sake, but reconfiguring and stocktaking for forward motion."

With Frawley, there's always give and take. "I know that I challenge people; I expect to be challenged back." He added, "Two things I absolutely cannot endure are pretense and posturing; when you free yourself from those, you see that everybody has something to contribute."

Maria Frawley lauds her husband for being effective at communicating with a variety of constituencies. "He doesn't ask people to dig into their pockets…he gets them to have a stake in the institution's future."

Candace G. Kaplan, a George Washington University alumna and chair of the National Council of the Columbian College of Arts & Sciences, wholeheartedly agrees. "My connection to GW was awakened by my contact with Bill. His vision and his overall businesslike approach to academia are very unusual, and very advantageous."

Once she reconnected with her alma mater, Kaplan hated to see Bill Frawley go. "When I heard he was leaving, I was devastated. I went through all the predictable stages of grieving," said Kaplan, owner and president of Kaplan Financial Group. "But now I realize that GW is that much better off for having had his leadership, vision and energy."

Frawley intends to make similar connections at Mary Washington. His goal is to create an academic environment that others will regard as challenging and substantive and an administrative environment that is authentic and delivers on its promises. "There is no other institution in the country like UMW, in a burgeoning region, with all the resources and commitment of a high-achieving faculty and student body," he said. "We can do things with consequence."

Frawley added, "I hope not only that we inside UMW know who we are, what we are doing, and what we are all about, but also that the outside world will recognize these things, and tell the rest of the world about us."

He sees this as the beginning of a new era for Mary Washington. Harking back to his days on the diamond, Frawley said, "I am a very tough competitor. I have unending resolve: It takes an awful lot to sidetrack me when I want to get something done."

LESSONS THAT STICK

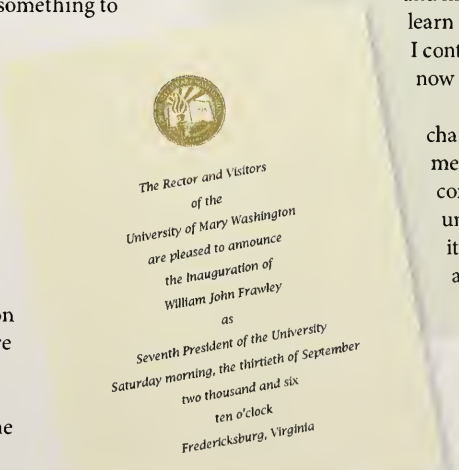
William J. Frawley on the power of personal connections in higher education:

"I have been fortunate throughout my education to have had teachers who have taken the time to work closely with me and invited me to think with them, one on one, in a non-judgmental and forward-looking way. Thirty years later, I remember their names and can see their faces.

"My first literature teacher at Penn, Urbaine deWinter, slowly explained all the quirks of Cervantes' Spanish. I am certain I would not have developed a love of intense reading had Don Yannella, at Glassboro, not made me go through *Billy Budd* in such painstaking detail. And I am sure I would not have gone into linguistics if Glassboro's Jim Haba had not made me read Benjamin Lee Whorf.

"I can see in my mind Bob van Riper at LSU, showing me how to collect field data for dialects, and George Gunn, showing me how to record acoustic data (and scolding me for not being patient enough!). My Northwestern dissertation adviser, Raoul Smith, taught me so clearly the core of semantics and computing – and I still recall apologizing to him for a programming error I made and him saying, 'Well, how are you going to learn if I don't show you where the mistake is?' I continue to write scholarly papers with him, now nearly 30 years later.

"For me, these professors were life-changing figures. They took the time to see me as a person, and they had the admirable combination of patience, honesty and unending insight. It is this same ethos and its transformative effects that strike me as an essential feature of UMW."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as
Seventh President of the University
Saturday morning, the thirtieth of September
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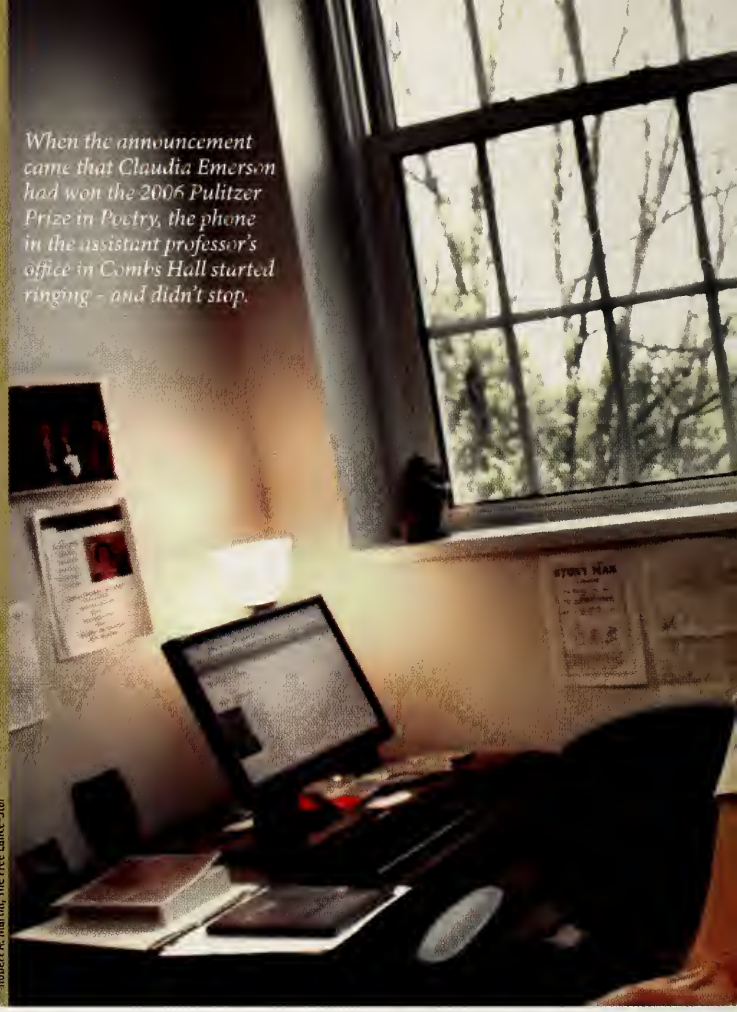
Save the date. Frawley's inauguration will take place Sept. 30.

Professor wins Pulitzer

Scott Neville, The Free Lance-Star

Emerson's writing classes are among the most popular at Mary Washington. For students, nailing a spot in one is like joining an exclusive club.



Robert A. Martin, The Free Lance-Star

When the announcement came that Claudia Emerson had won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, the phone in the assistant professor's office in Combs Hall started ringing – and didn't stop.

By Neva S. Trenis

Claudia Emerson's students recognized her talent before the Pulitzer committee did. When it came time to register for courses taught by the assistant professor of English, they vied to be first in line for her creative writing and poetry sessions.

So when the announcement came this spring that Emerson won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, one UMW student scribbled a note on Emerson's Combs Hall office door. Combining congratulations with exasperation, the student wrote:

"As if it weren't hard enough to get in her classes...Pulitzer Prize winner!"

The award recognized Emerson's most recent collection of poems, *Late Wife*, published in 2005 by Louisiana State University Press.

A collective whoop of congratulations and pride went up for Emerson, 49, not only from University colleagues and friends, but also from the city of Fredericksburg. Its residents woke up to the headline "Professor wins Pulitzer Prize" in the local paper. The editorial page applauded her, friends fêted her, President Anderson hosted a reception in her honor, and the Board of Visitors appointed her Arrington Distinguished Chair of Poetry.

When it comes to the Pulitzer – the highest honor in print journalism, literary achievements and musical compositions – it isn't just the locals who come calling. The next day, the small-town poet was in big-city newspapers such as *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. Later, she was in *Newsweek* magazine.

Before the April 17, 2006, announcement, Emerson had been quietly processing her life through the prism of metaphor. A native of Chatham, Va., – population 1,300 – she came to the University of Mary Washington in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Virginia and a master of fine arts in poetry from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. But her real introduction to poetry came far from the classroom.

After graduating from U.Va. in 1979, Emerson returned to her home in the southside area of Virginia, married a hometown boy, and took a part-time job as a rural mail carrier. She also managed a used bookstore in nearby Danville, Va.

"Not very many people came into that bookstore," Emerson told *The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer*, "so my life was an interesting one of being bound in this shop with lots of books, and then sometimes getting out on the mail route, and being alone all day long, looking at the landscape."

> If she requires students to write 10 poems a semester, she writes 10 poems a semester.

Though she had written short stories and songs before, two used books that came into the shop were the catalyst for her poetry venture. After reading Rainer Rilke's *Letters to a Young Poet* and May Sarton's autobiography-memoir *Journal of a Solitude*, Emerson was inspired to write poetry, she told Jeffrey Brown of *The NewsHour*.

"Lots [of books] were traded in, but [those] two had a profound impact on me," Emerson said.

She wrote furiously during that time, she told *The NewsHour*, often producing a poem a day. She went on to get her master's degree, and by the time she graduated in 1991, she had finished *Pharaoh,*

Pharaoh, her first collection. Six years later, it was published.

Emerson taught at Washington and Lee University, Danville Community College and Randolph-Macon Woman's College. She worked as academic dean at Chatham Hall, the all-girls boarding school from which she graduated in 1975. And she kept writing poetry.

Four years after Emerson arrived at Mary Washington, Louisiana State University Press published her *Pinion, An Elegy* and nominated it for a Pulitzer.

Emerson's professional life was flourishing, but within two semesters of coming to Fredericksburg, her 19-year marriage failed.

Six years later, in fall 2005, *Late Wife* was published. A work in three sections, part one, "Divorce Epistles," chronicles the dissolution of the marriage. "Breaking up the House" explores solitude and healing. Part three, "Late Wife: Letters to Kent," is a collection of sonnets written to the new husband whose first, beloved wife died of cancer.

When *Late Wife* was published last fall, Emerson read from the poems to a standing-room-only crowd of colleagues and friends gathered in Combs Hall. She prefaced her reading of the sonnets to Kent Ippolito, with whom Emerson makes her home in Fredericksburg, by saying, "There was something that kept haunting me about being happy, but only because someone had disappeared before me."

Late Wife is the most personal of her works. Emerson began writing the poems as hand-written letters to Kent, but as the works progressed, she kept readers in mind as well.

"I was thinking about a former husband and my husband now," Emerson told *The NewsHour*. "But I also am aware that, in some ways, I'm putting you, the reader, in that seat, as well, or asking you to be with me in the first person, and maybe relate to some of how I would address that other."

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Artifact

For three years you lived in your house
just as it was before she died: your wedding
portrait on the mantel, her clothes hanging
in the closet, her hair still in the brush.
You have told me you gave it all away
then, sold the house, keeping only the confirmation
cross she wore, her name in cursive chased
on the gold underside, your ring in the same

box, those photographs you still avoid,
and the quilt you spread on your borrowed bed—
small things. Months after we met, you told me she had
made it, after we had slept already beneath its loft
and thinning, raveled pattern, as though beneath
her shadow, moving with us, that dark, that soft.

In winning the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, Emerson joins a prestigious company of previous recipients, such as former U.S. Poets Laureate Robert Frost, Robert Penn Warren and Ted Kooser. Though the Pulitzer Prizes, awarded by the Columbia School of Journalism, were established in 1917, the prize in poetry was first awarded in 1922. Since then, 84 such awards have been given. Emerson is one of 19 women who have won the prize.

Last fall, the Library of Congress awarded Emerson a Witter Bynner Fellowship in poetry. She received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in poetry and twice received a Virginia Commission for Arts Individual Artist Fellowship in poetry.

She also has been recognized for her teaching at UMW with the 2003 Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Award and the 2006 Mary Pinschmidt Award. The latter is an award given by graduating seniors to the professor they are most likely to remember as having the greatest impact on their lives.

Students may consider it an honor to be in one of her classes, but they work hard for the distinction. Emerson asks a lot of her students. She asks them to write, despite demanding classes, despite jobs, despite personal crises – write inspiration, write ideas, write words, she tells them – no matter what. Emerson understands what she is asking, because she does it herself – despite a full teaching load, despite office hours, despite departmental committees and all the unseen work that is part of her responsibility at the University.

If she requires students to write 10 poems a semester, she writes 10 poems a semester, not in quest of a Pulitzer, but because that is how she lives and makes sense of her life.

"It has made my life better to write poetry. It can be cathartic, and it can be beautiful and reach people," Emerson told *The NewsHour*. "I do encourage my students to try it, to read it, to get inside the genre and see if that's what they want to do." ■

Unparalleled devotion

Arrington's love for Mary Washington leads to largest gift in University history

By Neva S. Trenis

After a tornado ripped through their family farm, Arabelle Laws' mother, Blanche Laws, found herself alone and penniless.

It was May 1929 – five months before the stock market crash – that the Laws family was buried deep in what had been two stories of brick and mortar. Friends dug frantically, but found Arabelle's father, Pete Laws, dead. They rushed Blanche Laws to the hospital with a fractured jaw and part of her skull crumbled. Seven-year-old Arabelle had a broken ankle; her brother Pete, 10, was unharmed.

When she returned home months later, Blanche Laws was left with little to rebuild her life but the rich soil of her southern Fauquier County dairy farm, hard work and her sterling reputation.

It was soon afterward that Blanche Laws, who took on full-time dairy farming, began to plan for her children's education, daughter Arabelle Laws Arrington '41 recalled recently from her Warrenton, Va., home. To her mother, education was everything. So, just eight years after losing her husband, her home and all her possessions, the young widow used her good name for collateral at the local bank and sent her daughter to college.

"We never knew of anything like scholarships back then, and we had no money," Arrington said. "It was Fauquier Bank and Mama that put me through."

That is why Arrington feels compelled to give back to Mary Washington – or, as she calls it "my school." She has made generous contributions over the years, but in April she made history. Arrington pledged $5 million – the largest single gift ever made to the University – to honor her dear friend and departing president, William M. Anderson Jr.

What she has given in dollars she has matched in service; she has served on Mary Washington's Board of Visitors, Alumni Association Board of Directors, and as president of the Foundation Board of Directors. She has inspired others to give with challenge grants, she has supported efforts to help get and keep the best faculty, and she sustains the Arrington Scholarship for children of UMW faculty and staff.

"I would like for young people not to have to struggle to pay for school," Arrington said. "If I can alleviate some of those fears about how to pay for college, I will be happy."

Even before she was old enough to go to school, Arrington loved learning. When her mother reviewed homework with older brother Pete, young Arabelle listened quietly and absorbed what older children were taught. By the time she started first grade at the five-room Catlett Elementary School, her teacher realized little Arabelle was no ordinary beginner.

"After that, they bumped me up to second grade," she said.

Arabelle "just adored" her teacher, and when she told her mother she wanted to be just like that lady, right down to her profession, Blanche Laws made a promise to herself and to her daughter.

"You are going to be the first one in our family who goes to college," Arrington remembered her saying.

By 1937, Arabelle Laws, just 15 years old, was ready to graduate from Calverton High School. She never had seen a college, she said, and didn't really know what one was. But there was one thing she

Arabelle Laws Arrington '41 receives an honorary doctorate at commencement in 1998 from President William M. Anderson Jr. and Phillip L. Hall, dean of faculty.

Inset, lower left: Arrabelle Arrington receives a Washington Medal in 1988 as her beloved husband, Walter, looks on. The couple spent 57 years together.

did know: She didn't want to leave one handsome schoolmate – the boy who walked with her to Critendon's Market and bought her lunch each day – Walter Arrington.

"But for Mama, education was the thing," Arabelle Arrington said. Just after graduation, Blanche Laws drove her daughter 30 miles to the State Teachers College at Fredericksburg, walked into the admission office and enrolled her on the spot. The campus was the most beautiful place she had seen in her life, Arrington said, and the proximity to home meant she could see Walter on weekends. Besides, there was never any discussion of her going anywhere else.

She was homesick at first – especially when a senior's spinal meningitis and the subsequent two-week campus quarantine kept her in Fredericksburg. But she got on with her studies in science and education and fell in love with the school. She roomed with the same "most wonderful roommate" – Dorothy Lee from Salem, Va. – for four years. She got help from seniors memorizing Chaucer. And she participated in the science club, the public speaking sorority and the YWCA.

If Mrs. Laws couldn't make the drive to fetch her on Friday afternoons, Arabelle caught the bus home to see her mother and Walter.

"But mostly Walter," Arrington added.

Walter Arrington's family had its own problems. In 1942, they were given 60 days notice to leave their 3,750-acre ancestral farm at the convergence of Fauquier, Prince William and Stafford counties to make way for Quantico Marine Corps Base. Crops were left unharvested in the fields, and things had to be sold so quickly they brought little money. Walter's father's health plummeted from the shock, and the devoted son left his pre-med studies at the University of Virginia to be by his side. The Arrington family moved to Warrenton, where Walter and Arabelle Arrington would make their home together for 57 years.

In 1941, Arabelle Laws graduated from what was by then Mary Washington College. Walter Arrington was still at U.Va., so the young sweethearts wrote letters – Arabelle Arrington still has every one – and he drove from Charlottesville most every weekend to see her.

"He must have burned up three cars going back and forth," Arrington said. "Those were some fun times."

Arabelle used her education to teach at high schools in Remington, Arlington and Warrenton. When a couple in Catlett asked the young lady to teach their deaf teenage daughter, Arabelle took on the challenge and gained not only a student but a friend. In March 1946, when Walter and Arabelle married, the girl was a bridesmaid.

By that time, Arrington had "had it with teaching," she said, and Walter needed her at the Warrenton Chrysler dealership the couple started as newlyweds.

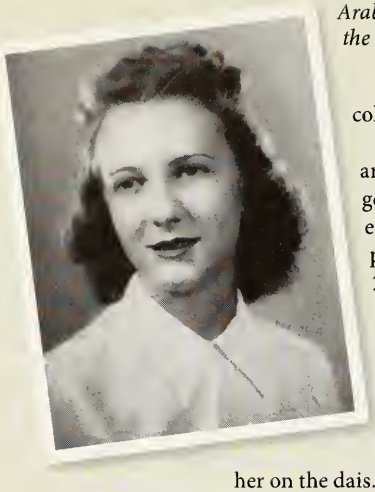
"We operated our business together for 41 years," Arrington said. "We worked side by side, and I never killed him and he never killed me either."

Just three years into the marriage and on the advice of Walter Arrington's father, the couple bought Alwington Farm, where Arrington still lives today. A reliable farm manager allowed the couple to keep the auto business, raise 400 head of beef cattle and cultivate the crops to feed them. But the work was nearly constant.

The Arringtons, who had no children, found time for their beloved 11 nieces and nephews. And Arabelle Arrington found time for her alma mater. She first served as the alumni fund chair in 1966 and was appointed to the Board of Visitors in 1975.

In 1976, Mary Washington's bright young executive vice president got the attention of the Fauquier County businesswoman. William M. Anderson Jr., just in from the West Virginia Board of Regents, had a vision for the school even then, Arrington said, and was the kind of leader it needed. So when it came time to choose a new president in 1983, Anderson had her support.

"I could look ahead and see what he was going to do for the



Arabelle Cowne Laws from the 1941 Battlefield.

college," Arrington said.

Today, Anderson and Arrington are fast friends, often lunching together in Warrenton. She attended every graduation of the Anderson presidency, from 1984 to the May 2006 ceremony. Anderson was there in 1988 when the school recognized her exemplary service with a Washington Medal. In 1998, when Mary Washington awarded Arrington an honorary doctorate, Anderson stood with her on the dais.

Arrington liked Anderson from the beginning, she said; he is a caring and concerned man who always put Mary Washington first. But for a hard worker like Arrington, there has to be more to a leader than heart – he has to get results. And that is just what Anderson delivered to the school.

Sitting in her living room in Warrenton, Arrington listed just a few of the changes at Mary Washington after Anderson took the helm in 1983: an art gallery, a new library, a science center, a fitness center, and a tennis center. Her favorite is the elegant Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

After Anderson suffered an aneurysm in 1996 that kept him in the hospital for weeks and in therapy for months, Arrington told him: "That aneurysm slowed your legs down, but it sure did speed up your brain – you've got more ideas than ever."

"I told him 'If you think of it, it will happen,' " she said. "And it did."

Arrington's affection for Anderson may be rooted in their similarities – both dream big, both get results, and both are dedicated to Mary Washington.

Arrington's business acumen has made her not only a wealthy woman, but also a prominent philanthropist. When she and Walter Arrington began to disperse parcels of the 450-acre Alwington Farm in the late 1990s, they sold acreage to Wal-Mart. After Walter died at age 83 in 2003, she sold another plot to Home Depot. But the couple also donated land from the farm to Warrenton Baptist Church and to Fauquier County for James G. Brumfield Elementary. Arrington has been generous to the Red Cross (who helped her family after the 1929 tornado), to countless charities and to her nieces and nephews.

And, of course, there are her other children – the ones who attend her alma mater – the ones she wants to help get the type of education she had.

"Above all schools," she said, "I have a special place in my heart for Mary Washington." ■

Robert A. Martin

Anderson gives longtime friend Arabelle Arrington a congratulatory kiss at the April 2005 ceremony to celebrate the naming of Arrington Hall.

Couple creates chair bearing Anderson's name

Sara Page and Richard Mayo

She made quite an impression on him, but Dick Mayo did not remember the name of the girl he met back in 1963 when he visited the Mary Washington campus.

Since then, he has had Sara Page Cosby, his wife of 41 years, foremost on his mind. Equally memorable has been the site of their initial meeting. The couple recently made a $1 million donation to Sara Page's alma mater.

The money will go toward the University's first fully funded and endowed academic chair. The William M. Anderson Jr. Distinguished Chair in Biological Sciences will be awarded to one of the institution's leading faculty members in the area of biological sciences. Selection of the recipient will be made by the president of the institution.

"My husband and I were so impressed after meeting Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, and we have developed a wonderful friendship with them," said Sara Page Mayo. "We've seen what Dr. Anderson has done for this school. Now that he is retiring, we thought it would be nice to honor him in this way."

Richard Mayo is chairman of Mayo Capital Partners LLC and a founding partner of one of the nation's largest investment management funds, GMO (Grantham, Mayo Van Otterloo & Co.), with holdings totaling more than $102 billion. He recently served as one of Mary Washington's Executives-in-Residence. He is a member of the UMW Foundation Board and investment committee. Sara Page was a member of the Jepson Alumni Executive Center finishing committee, and the couple donated the center's Mayo Courtyard.

The Mayos became reacquainted with Mary Washington during President Anderson's tenure. "We just hit it off," she said of their relationship with Bill and Jane Anderson. "They are such down-to-earth people.

"We didn't need our name on a chair," said Sara Page. "We thought this would be a well-deserved tribute to Dr. Anderson."

Dick Mayo, who attended the University of Virginia, visited Mary Washington the first week of Sara Page's junior year. They married after her graduation in 1964. While he pursued his MBA at U.Va.'s Darden School, Sara Page put her Mary Washington home economics degree to work.

She served as a photomicroscopist for the Institute of Textile Technology. Today, they live in Boston, but frequently return to Virginia not only to visit the campus, but also to see an adult child who lives in Northern Virginia. The Mayos have two children and four grandchildren.

– *Anna Barron Billingsley*

Q&A

Meta R. Braymer

Meta R. Braymer came to Mary Washington 16 years ago as director of graduate and continuing education. Two weeks after her arrival, she learned that she would be overseeing development of a new campus in Stafford County. Now she is vice president and dean of that campus, the University's College of Graduate and Professional Studies. Still commuting every day from her home in Richmond, Braymer figures she has spent a total of more than 800 days in the car. Even so, her enthusiasm for the job has never waned.

Q. What do you love most about Mary Washington?

A. When I first came for interviews, I was struck by the physical presence. It felt like a real school. I thought, 'How beautiful.' It reminded me of my undergraduate campus. Of course, now I am on a new campus that I could not have even envisioned then.

What I like most about the entire University is the spirit of camaraderie. I know it sounds trite, but people make the institution. Knowing we all have the same main goal of providing for the students, there's a compatibility and a family atmosphere here. You never get the sense that a staff member is out for him or herself.

Q. What would you change about Mary Washington?

A. I really would like to make the two campuses a whole university. We are too split right now; the two campuses are a very long seven miles apart. I would like to see more blending of programs and sharing of faculty.

Q. How would you describe yourself?

A. I am a very open person. I don't play games. With me, what you see is what you get. I'm interested in having everybody win. I also have an inclusive style. I believe that we're one big team and that all our jobs are equally important.

Q. What matters most to you?

A. Being grounded and knowing who I am. I try to maintain the same fundamental values across the board. Obviously, also, my husband and my daughter are important. My husband is my biggest cheerleader. Believe it or not, I am a very domestic person. I want whatever I do to do it well. I want to be the best dean, the best wife, the best mom, the best friend.

Q. What motivates you?

A. The opportunity to make a difference in somebody's life. When I think back over the past seven years and realize 674 students have graduated, I wonder what those people would have done [without CGPS]. Most would not have earned a degree. It is so rewarding to come to work here. If this weren't the most exciting job anywhere, I wouldn't have spent two hours a day in the car for the past 16 years.

Q. Who inspires you?

A. A lot of very strong women in my background – not to mention my daughter, who is 24. My husband, who underwent a liver transplant 11 years ago and lives each day to the fullest, is a continuing inspiration. And I can't fail to mention Dr. [William M.] Anderson. He is a big part of why I have enjoyed my time here so much. He is visionary, determined and kind.

Q. What books have you read lately?

A. I read every night and I listen to mysteries in my car. Right now, I am reading two books – Robert Reich's Reason: Why Liberals Will Win the Battle for America *and a book about prison reform called* An Expensive Way to Make Bad People Worse. *The reason I am reading that is an interesting story. Through a friend of mine, I have become acquainted with Jens Soering, a former U.Va. student who was implicated in the murder of his girlfriend's parents. From prison, Jens has written this book and several others.*

Q. What one thing would people be surprised to learn about you?

A. Well, if they don't already know, I just love Elvis – and I have since high school. "Jail House Rock" is my absolute favorite song. I first visited Graceland in 1984; last year, I went back and took the Deluxe Elvis Tour. I have all the Elvis CDs and a video of his last performance.

I have eclectic tastes. I can listen to the symphony and also appreciate Elvis.

Something else people may be surprised to learn about me is that I can be very lazy. I've learned that I have to take breaks. I could lie on the sofa reading books and magazines for hours.

Braymer was able to get up close and personal with an Elvis reincarnation (a.k.a. Michael Hoover) last year after a Great Lives presentation on the Mary Washington campus.

Blending of teaching tools and administrative skills a matter of course for Barra

By Edie Gross

Dual Dean

It's 8:15 a.m. and Rosemary Barra's talking hormones.

Lutenizing hormones. Polypeptide hormones. Follicle-stimulating hormones.

"Is this making sense to everybody or are you all still asleep?" she teases the students in her Biology of Cancer class, a 400-level course filled mostly with senior bio majors.

Barra's lecture is a lot to take in at that hour of the morning. But the group, furiously scribbling notes about synthetic glucocorticoids and androgen receptors, murmurs back that indeed all this is making sense.

"OK," said Barra, moving on to cell mutation.

Less than an hour later, Barra is ensconced in her office on the third floor of George Washington Hall, handling crises related to curriculum or putting out fires surrounding faculty.

Since July 1, 2004, Barra has been interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at the University of Mary Washington.

Long before she was an administrator, though, Barra was a teacher – a role she still relishes.

"I actually enjoy talking with students and working with students. I still have a lot of students who come over [to GW] to see me," said Barra, who began her teaching career at UMW in 1982. "I want to keep active in it."

She usually can manage only one course per academic year. She recognizes that an 8 a.m. class three days a week is tough on the night owls. But an afternoon class simply won't work with her administrative schedule.

"It would be impossible to stop in the middle of something and come over and teach," she said. Once the day gets under way, "you never know what your schedule's going to be."

Her students seem to understand, and many of them rave about her class. **Faith Glass '06** said she originally worried that Barra might be too busy to offer the cancer class, and she knew no other faculty member taught it.

"Her information is pretty straightforward," Glass said. "She's not tricky. She's a good professor."

Aidan Charles '06 said he's enjoyed having her as a professor and an adviser.

"I actually ran into some problems with the graduation process, and having her as a teacher was a great way to meet her and sit down with her," Charles said. "She took time out of her day – and I'm sure she's ridiculously busy – to help me find a writing intensive class I needed to take over the summer. She went above and beyond."

John Morello, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, is all too familiar with the dual role that Barra plays. He's been serving as an administrator and a professor since 1998.

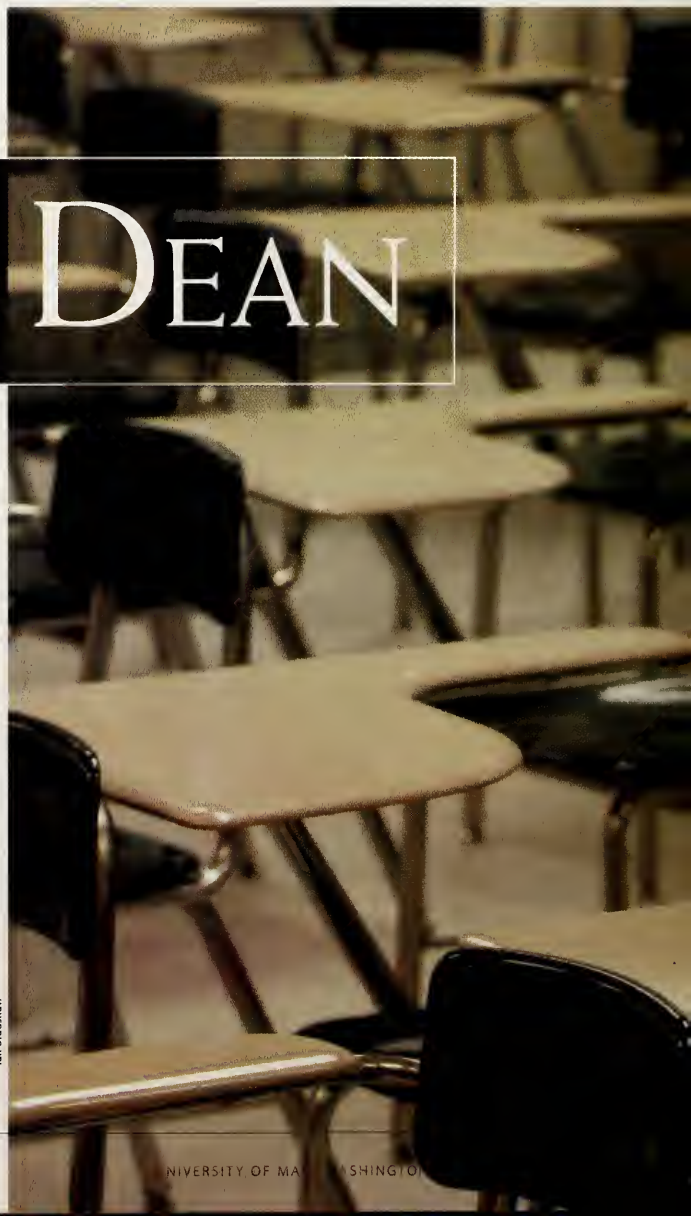
This spring, he taught a speech course on the use of persuasive communication in political campaigns.

"Both of us are a lot of times scrambling to stay on top of class and at the same time take care of administrative work," said Morello, who works down the hall from Barra. "At the end of the day, she's often here late into the evening, working on materials for class the next day.

"You do the best you can, and at the end of the semester, you look back on it and say, 'I'm crazy for doing this. Next year, I'm not,' " Morello said of the balancing act. "And next year, you'll probably end up doing it again."

Both Barra and Morello said the benefits of staying in the classroom while helping run the University far outweigh the drawbacks.

"For academic administrators, it's good because it keeps you in touch with the students. A lot of times you find out what's on the students' minds by being in the classroom and hearing what students are talking about," Morello said. "It keeps reminding you of what the basic business of the institution is."



Ian Bradshaw

Barra, who holds a doctorate in physiology from Rutgers University and a bachelor's in biology from Duquesne University, guides her students through an upper-level course that most students would not encounter until graduate school. The course covers a range of topics, from the development of cancer and the epidemiology of the disease to the treatment and prevention of it.

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The syllabus is not set from year to year. Barra has to read the latest journals to keep up with material for the class. When she's not teaching, grading, meeting with class members and reading up on the latest in cancer research, Barra handles a host of other academic responsibilities for the University.

She evaluates every department chair and reviews performance evaluations for all 200 faculty members each fall. She also oversees the operations of the library, registrar, admissions and academic services offices. This spring, she took several road trips to speak to alumni groups, grading papers en route.

Students in her classes would never dream she has so much responsibility.

"She's really, really personable, one of the most personable administrators I've dealt with," said Charles. "There's nothing uppity about her."

Of her teaching skills, Glass said Barra has a gift for taking complex, scientific material and making it relevant for her students.

"She's good at breaking down information," Glass said. "She tries to incorporate a lot of information you hear every day – the effects of smoking, alcohol, birth control. It's not all about why the cell does whatever."

Teaching the course is important to Barra on several levels. In the past, she said, she's had students with family members undergoing treatment for cancer. The students are often frustrated and scared.

It's rewarding, Barra said, to be able to explain the science behind it all and give class members the tools they need to comprehend what's happening to their loved one.

"Yeah, it gets a little nitty-gritty," she said, "but it's giving them a challenge." ■

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COUNTDOWN to CENTENNIAL 100 years

William B. Crawley Jr., *University of Mary Washington historian and distinguished professor of history, is writing a history of the institution's first 100 years. The book will be published after the 2008 Centennial celebration. Between now and then,* UMW TODAY *will run excerpts from the book. This issue's excerpt is from a chapter about campus social life in the 1970s.*

Seventies Social Scene took on a New Dimension

Campus catches on to Frisbee

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The following is an excerpt from Willliam B. Crawley's forthcoming book:

In the 1970s, traditional celebrations such as Devil-Goat Day and Junior Ring Week continued on an annual basis, as did one of the college's oldest events, the Chi Beta Phi scientific fraternity's auction, which regularly drew large crowds to the Lee Ballroom, where a wide array of items and events donated by faculty and staff were available for purchase. Much of the event's entertainment value lay in the banter provided throughout the evening by the auctioneers, who were usually drawn from the college's most exuberant personalities, including in the mid-'70s Jack Albertine (economics), Alexander Lindsey (math), William Pinschmidt (biology), Ray Merchent (administration), Susan Hanna (English), and George Van Sant (philosophy). Proceeds from the event normally were used to fund scholarships for deserving science majors but were also used during the '70s to help pay for a garden adjacent to Combs Hall established in memory of math professor Hobart Carter, who taught at the college from 1936 to 1973.

A newer tradition that grew in popularity during the period was the fall celebration originally known as Parents' Weekend but later renamed Family Weekend to convey a more inclusive approach. It was eagerly anticipated by many – especially by sometimes-homesick freshmen and by upperclassmen who hoped a parental visit might yield pecuniary rewards – but for others there was a sizable downside, as amusingly described in a *Bullet* article titled "A Weekend on the Wagon":

Parents' Weekend is an enjoyable, refreshing experience – if you spend your free time watching Oral Roberts. …For those of us who lead a double life (i.e., what Mom doesn't know), Parents' Weekend could be a tragic snag in our social schedules. …I saw frantic fingers ripping Playgirl (boy) *photos off the walls after debating whether or not they could pass for art. Frenzied cries of "Not in the drawer, stupid. That's the first place she'll look," rebounded off the walls.*

Particularly at risk, according to the columnist, were "those who still let Mommy do their laundry when she comes to visit," necessitating "hurried searches for unexplainable items," and resulting in such conversations as: "Well, actually, Dad, I've no idea what the stockings are doing in the closet. …The, um, slip in the drawer? Well, uh, my roommate's sister was here last weekend, oh, to help him with his…biology, and she probably left it."

In addition to the continuation of older social traditions and the growth of more recent ones, the period also witnessed the development of several new extracurricular activities, among the most popular of which was Frisbee. The disc sport – with its emphasis on individual athleticism, its lack of regimentation, and its ambience of mellow sportsmanship – was in perfect accord with the counter-culture tendencies of many

college-age students at the time. Across the country it achieved something of a cult status, especially among those with anti-establishment affinities.

At Mary Washington, the popularity of Frisbee was boosted by the achievements (and the enthusiasm) of economics professor John Pickerill and, even more perhaps, by the amazing skills of his Frisbee-catching dog, a sleek black Labrador retriever named Martha. "Dr. John," who was a disc competitor of national renown, and his canine companion regularly entertained students on Ball Circle with acrobatic demonstrations that led them to be featured frequently at football half-time shows and other sports events around the country. (The maverick owner of the Chicago White Sox, Bill Veeck, was once reported to have commented after seeing Martha perform, "If she could only throw, she'd be our center-fielder.")

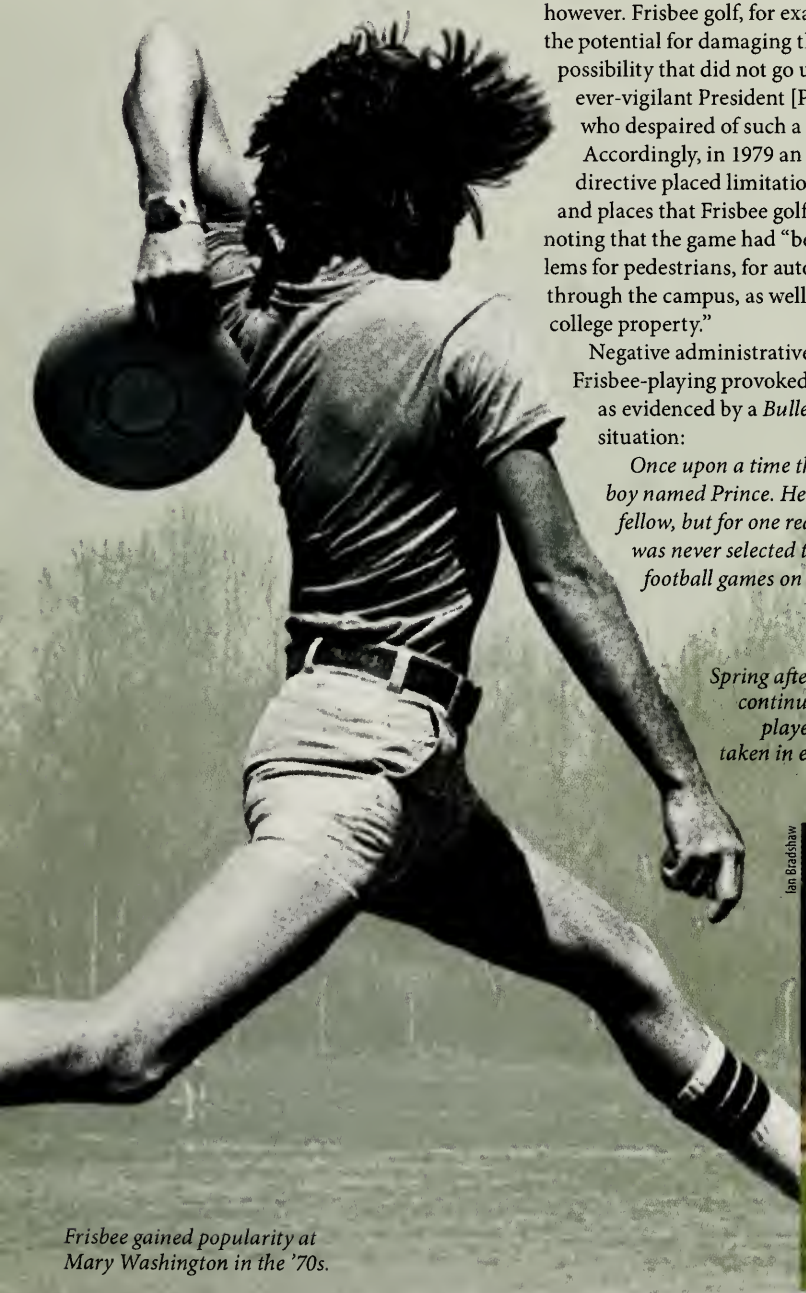
With Pickerill as its faculty adviser, a Mary Washington Frisbee Club was formed in the fall of 1976 and successfully applied to the International Frisbee Association to host the first Virginia state championship in 1977; the tournament involved such events as distance, accuracy, freestyle and Frisbee golf. During the next few years, as the tournament was held annually on the college campus, Mary Washington became known as the "Frisbee capital" of the state, and several students (e.g., Hugh Lowry, Eric Wootten, Eric Olsen) won recognition for their exceptional performances.

There were some glitches along the way, however. Frisbee golf, for example, had the potential for damaging the terrain, a possibility that did not go unnoticed by the ever-vigilant President [Prince] Woodard, who despaired of such a development. Accordingly, in 1979 an administrative directive placed limitations on the time and places that Frisbee golf could be played, noting that the game had "begun to pose problems for pedestrians, for automobiles driving through the campus, as well as damaging college property."

Negative administrative attitudes toward Frisbee-playing provoked student hostility, as evidenced by a *Bullet* parody of the situation:

Once upon a time there was a young boy named Prince. He was a likable fellow, but for one reason or another he was never selected to play in pick-up football games on Ball Circle. Thirty years later, when he was elected President of a local college, he issued a new decree. It read: "Thou shalt not play on the grass." The students at this college were not about to give up playing on the grass, but they didn't want to disappoint their Prince either. After all, it isn't every college that can boast a Prince for a president. So the students decided that while the Prince was walking around the campus, they would restrain themselves, walking on the brick sidewalks only. But when the Prince went to bed in the evenings, the students would congregate on the grassy areas and drink beer and play Frisbee.

The disc devotees expressed even greater concern when it appeared that the state tournament might be withdrawn from Mary Washington as a result of the restrictions on Frisbee golf. "I think it is a tradition the school should uphold," said Eric Wootten, "one which is more important than other traditions." Even though Frisbee's popularity gradually declined on campus (at least in terms of organized competitions) as the 1980s progressed, it remained the recreational activity of choice for some students well into the 21st century. ■



Frisbee gained popularity at Mary Washington in the '70s.

Spring afternoons on Ball Circle continue to bring out Frisbee players. These photos were taken in early May of this year.

Ian Bradshaw

"Alumni are a huge resource and should be involved in all aspects of the institution."

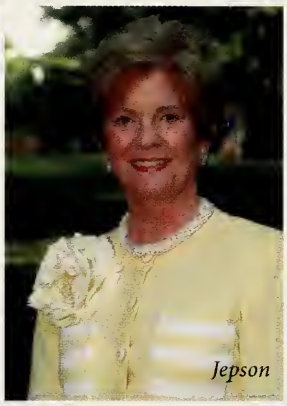
– President William J. Frawley

Six Mary Washington alumni received awards during Reunion Weekend

The Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award went to **Elizabeth Smith Hughes '51**, **Alice Andrews Jepson '64** and **Charlotte Major Minor '66**. All three have served on the University's Board of Visitors. In addition, they led the $8 million fundraising campaign to build the Alumni Executive Center, which ultimately was named for Jepson, overall campaign chair.

Photos by Duane Berger

Hughes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Hall

Barbara Crickenberger Hall '69 and **Princess R. Moss '83** were recipients of this year's Distinguished Alumnus Awards, presented to alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their professions, civic activities and/or the arts. Barbara Hall has been vice president for development at National Public Radio for more than 14 years. In this capacity, she heads a staff responsible for raising nearly half of NPR's $100 million annual budget. She also serves as executive director of the NPR Foundation. Hall previously served in development positions at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Moss

Princess Moss was elected president of the Virginia Education Association in 2004. An elementary school music teacher with Louisa County Public Schools for 21 years, Moss took a leave of absence from teaching to fulfill the full-time responsibilities of the VEA presidency. The VEA represents more than 60,000 teachers and education support professionals throughout the state.

As head of the organization, Moss visits schools throughout the Commonwealth and actively lobbies the General Assembly, school boards and various governing bodies on behalf of public schools and teachers. She continually strives to expand membership within the VEA. Previously, she chaired the VEA's Budget Committee and served as the organization's vice president for four years. She also has served on the board of the National Education Association.

Kathleen Bailey Krishnamurthy '91 received the Young Alumnus Merit Award, presented to an alumnus within 15 years of the date of graduation who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in his or her career, civic involvement and/or the arts. Krishnamurthy's career in communications began immediately after graduation, with a position at the *Stafford County Sun*, followed by a position at the *Potomac News*.

Krishnamurthy later became a news and feature writer for *The Free Lance-Star* in Fredericksburg. She subsequently worked for The Associated Press in Richmond and in Kansas City. She later returned to Virginia and *The Free Lance-Star*, where she covered crime. Four years later, she took a job at the *News Journal* in Wilmington, Del. In 2002, she became deputy communications director for Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner. Last year, she was named to her current position as Gov. Minner's Director of Communications.

Krishnamurthy, who assisted with the governor's re-election campaign, serves as the point of contact for media organizations and writes press releases and speeches for Gov. Minner, including the state of the state and budget addresses. Krishnamurthy has received numerous awards from the Virginia Press Association and other major news organizations.

Krishnamurthy

Other alumni achievements:

Judy Townsend Bainbridge '58 received the Whitney M. Young Jr. Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Urban League of Upstate South Carolina.

Marianne Carrano Raphaely '59 was named fundraising volunteer of the year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, at a luncheon attended by nearly a thousand people.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TO: All Alumni
FROM: Monecia Helton Taylor '81

As I complete my term as President of the Alumni Association, I wanted to share some thoughts on the many accomplishments of the past two years. We have witnessed incredible change since July of 2004; in 2006, Mary Washington continues its role as a leading public institution, with outstanding students and faculty, and strong alumni participation.

During my tenure, we became the University of Mary Washington. While the new name initially felt unfamiliar, most alumni recognized that their alma mater has not changed, and that its reputation has only strengthened each year.

Our stunning new Jepson Alumni Executive Center opened in the summer of 2004, and since then has attracted hundreds of visitors and overnight guests. The facility has hosted major alumni events such as Homecoming, Reunion Weekend and meetings of the alumni board, as well as elegant special events for donors and members of the community. Alumni take great pride in this new symbol of their relationship to Mary Washington that has already become a significant campus landmark.

The Washington Scholars program, founded by the Alumni Association in 1997, now provides full-ride merit scholarships for seven outstanding in-state students. In addition to contributions from the Alumni Association, individual donors have witnessed the success and excitement of this program and have funded additional scholarships.

Our efforts to communicate effectively with alumni are best illustrated by the success of electronic communications, and notably our online community for alumni. We now reach nearly 60 percent of our alumni by e-mail, a statistic that is unparalleled among our peers. Alumni can view upcoming events, register for them online, and search for classmates in the online directory.

We have welcomed to our ranks a new segment of alumni – graduates of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. Next year's alumni board will include alumni, faculty and student representatives of both campuses, and we will develop programs tailored to this new constituent group.

On a beautiful Saturday in May, it was my pleasure to welcome the Class of 2006 as our newest alumni. It was, as many noted, a bittersweet occasion, as it also marked Dr. Anderson's final commencement as president. We are indebted to Dr. Anderson for his leadership and vision over the past 23 years. We congratulate him and extend our best wishes in his retirement.

Finally, I would like to thank the Alumni Association's Board of Directors for their participation and support over these past two years. We have accomplished much as a group and have vastly enjoyed our interaction. I hope you will continue to contribute to Mary Washington's success by participating in events both on and off campus, staying in touch through the online community, supporting the Fund for Mary Washington, and reconnecting through Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

Stay in touch!

Reunion photos by Duane Berger

Ninety six was a very good year. Two members of that class – Regina Damon (left) and Felecia Jones-Sheffield – would agree.

Kay Slaughter (left) reminisces with Cherry Sarff Everett (right) and Monnie Smith Newhouse, all members of the Class of 1961.

Seventy-sixer Lucy Dee Kinsey (right) greets classmate Carolyn Roberts.

Miranda Yen (right) came all the way from Hong Kong to celebrate her 20th reunion with members of the class of '86, including Kristen Pedisich Waksberg.

1936

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The big news is that members of our class are celebrating 90th birthdays! The observation of our 70th class reunion in June 2006 brought back memories of June 1936 when we sat on the front row in the Amphitheater under the towering trees. We received our diplomas from Fredericksburg State Teachers College, signed by Dr. Morgan L. Combs.

The story of 90th birthday celebrations begins with **Lucy Mae Copley Scott** of Fredericksburg, whose saga was relayed to me by Lucy Mae's niece, Carolyn Wake, who lives near me in Deltaville. For dinner and dancing, 200 guests gathered at the Fredericksburg Country Club. Thinking she was the star, two days before the big event, Lucy took the theater maxim "break a leg" literally. The show went on, and Lucy watched the celebration on a video.

My December birthday celebrations included three Mary Washington events. **Jean Polk Hanky '69** invited eight Mary Washington graduates to lunch at the Hope and Glory Inn in Irvington; **Connie Hook Felvey '56** and her husband had **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock '61**, **Elizabeth Goodloe Evans '49**, my son, his wife and me to Sunday dinner at their home in Kilmarnock; and last, but certainly not least, the folks at the alumni and president's offices remembered me with flowers and song on my special day.

Having celebrated our 90th birthdays with luncheons and dinners, **Audrey Davis Smith Edmonds** and I traveled to Richmond to help our roommate, **Elizabeth Haley Glass** and her husband, celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in January. With their four beautiful daughters and grandchildren, we toasted their long life together with a sumptuous luncheon and champagne at the Cedarfield Club House.

Preston Brown Twigg held a little party for family and close friends to celebrate her 90th. She said that she has lived in Mathews County so long that there was not a place big enough to invite all the people she would have liked to have invited. She still lives independently.

Virginia Brown Vranian of West Point welcomed her first grandchild. At only 88, she is a youngster compared to the rest of us. She said that she and a cousin were taking two 98-year-olds to lunch in Williamsburg, one of whom is the husband of one of my "little sisters," **Dorothy Martin Krewatch '38**.

Helen Battista of Farmington, Conn., is retired from a long career as a physical education teacher. Even after turning 90, she still engages in her pastime: caning chairs and making rush seats for antique chairs.

Jacqueline Green Spring, a "two-year" girl from Hampton and another 90-year-old, is a retired Army wife in San Antonio, Texas. With her husband, now deceased, she traveled and lived all over the world, six years of which were in the Middle East. She has three sons, one of whom was born in Egypt and one who works with the space program in California.

Julia Frances Robinson, now a long-time resident of The Hermitage in Richmond, is the only surviving member of her family. She and I began our teaching careers in Kilmarnock, Va., where we boarded in a third-floor bedroom of a Victorian house, heated by a wood stove. When I asked about her health, she answered with the sense of humor that is one of her most endearing traits, "You name it, I've got it."

Helen Battista '36 of Farmington, Conn., is retired from a long career as a physical education teacher. Even after turning 90, she still engages in her pastime: caning chairs and making rush seats for antique chairs.

H. Stewart Jones of Hartwood, near Fredericksburg, is still working on the history of Hartwood Presbyterian Church; research on the cemetery has been added to her to-do list. Even though she, too, has just turned 90, she plans to sharpen her driving skills now that her broken arm has healed.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong, whose husband Sidney passed away last year, still lives in her Fredericksburg home. She has a full-time aide to assist her should she require it. Frances plays bridge, goes to church and drives, if necessary. Luckily, she has folks from "the College" who buy groceries and pick up her prescriptions. (As proud as we are of the university status our alma mater has achieved, it still remains "the College" in our hearts.) No wonder Frances has devoted so much of her retired life to Mary Washington. She said that one of her high school students is her lawyer and that he, along with Jan Clarke, UMW's assistant vice president for gift planning, are assisting her in leaving her home to "the College." Good for Frances, I say, and Frances says "maybe someone else will do the same."

Four days last December, I attended the fifth White House Conference on Aging, which convenes once every 10 years, in Washington, D.C. As one of 1,200 delegates from the 50 states, I had the opportunity to establish a blogging site in order to express my reactions to the conference. The issues facing the government and our society are overwhelming as more of us live longer and baby boomers enter the retirement system. I found two issues particularly intriguing: First, strategies need to be initiated to encourage seniors to live independently. Second, funding is needed to promote use of poetry, art, music and dance, to enrich lives of seniors who are living longer – and, often, alone. Twenty states have inaugurated such programs, but Virginia has not!

Recently, as I was recalling some of our past reunions, I found a copy of the farewell address that I gave that day in June 1936 when we graduated: "With sadness in our hearts we gaze at our picturesque campus. Every spot holds a memory – the tall trees, the stately buildings, beautiful shrubbery and quiet brooks are all a part of the lovely environment that has lent its beauty to make our life on 'the hill' unique. As a day is over, our career here is done and we shall carry into the night the beautiful thoughts of the day."

1942

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Hi classmates. I know you're surprised to see me as your class agent; however, if we're to get news of what's happening in each other's lives, then someone had to volunteer.

Isabel Swift, our former class agent, did a wonderful job for many years. Isabel continues to be treated for macular degeneration. Fortunately, she reports that the disease has stabilized and her doctor is hopeful that the new medication he has prescribed will help even more. She has someone come in every day to assist her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Isabel. **Mary Gouldin Goebel** is now a resident at Heartfields in Fredericksburg and her sister, **Martha**, works as a volunteer at Mary Washington Hospital.

This passing on of class agent responsibilities started with the death last year of my precious suitemate at Mary Washington, **Virginia Waring Minges**. Isabel took over as class agent and now, here I am. Here's a little update on myself. The old song lyric, "don't get around much anymore," fits me to a "T." Since a mild stroke two years ago, I'm not very active. The hardest thing is that I'm not allowed to drive and I used to drive a lovely convertible that made me feel so special every time I got behind the wheel. However, crossword puzzles have entered my life and help keep my mind slightly more alert. I have a Down Syndrome daughter, Candice, who lives at home with me and goes to work every day. People used to say "oh, that's too bad," but I say she is the "light of my life" and I don't know what I'd do without her. She is very loving, considerate and caring. I also have three sons, two in Indiana, and one in Florida. They are just far enough away that we do not see each other often but we do keep in touch by phone and one occasionally comes to take my daughter and me bowling. To maintain my weight, I try to walk approximately one mile each day, and I take a good nap every day too. I am also hooked on sports. With enthusiasm, my daughter and I watched the Super Bowl and, anytime we can, we watch basketball. We attend church every Sunday, and we have incredible neighbors who are nice enough to drive us to the grocery store and other necessary local errands.

Please classmates, write to "ole Ginger" and tell me your news. My next deadline for *TODAY* is before August 1. Thanks and God bless.

1943

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Polly Green Taylor died in June 2005 at her home in Virginia Beach. Her cousin, **Ethel Chrisman '48**, writes that Polly was married for 60 years to Lewis J. Taylor, a Navy pilot in World War II and, later, an Episcopal priest. Polly worked outside the home in a number of fields, including schools and the Episcopal Diocese. She and Jay created homes in 20 locations, raised five children and made it all look easy. She is survived by her husband, children and nine grandchildren. If you would like to read a most interesting, full obituary, write me. I will mail you a copy.

I spoke recently with **Catherine "Diddie" Laushey Covington**. She and her husband live in Atlanta and until recently, traveled extensively. Since 1975, they have visited 65 countries on every continent except Australia. That must be a record! They have three grandsons who have all graduated from college – one from the University of Michigan and two from the University of Alabama. One grandson is working in Atlanta; the next one earned a B.S. in hotel and restaurant management from Johnson & Wales University; and the third is serving in the Navy stationed

aboard the *USS Ronald Reagan*. The Covingtons are justifiably proud of these young men.

Virginia Westlake Banta lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. She and husband Bob, are "well but arthritic." She's active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, and he in the Sons of the American Revolution. The Bantas have a place on Smith Mountain Lake in Southwest Virginia. **Jewel Spencer Marvin** and husband Ed also have access to a place there; the two couples hope to get together over Memorial Day weekend.

Deer attack! **Frances Rector Steagall** and family were returning to Ozark, Ala., after the Auburn/Alabama basketball game when a large buck lunged across the road directly in front of her vehicle. Although her car was heavily damaged, thankfully, she and her passengers were not injured, just badly shaken. Frances and family arrived home safely. She is now driving a loaner Malibu, but says she has yet to find its windshield wiper switch, so is driving only in dry weather. Keep that sense of humor, Frances.

Marjorie Baldwin Roughton's roommate, **Mary Vaughan Heazel**, died several years ago. Marjorie has remained very close to Mary Vaughan's daughter **Nancy Lindberg '71**. Nancy lives in Scottsville, Ariz. and they enjoy fun calls for over an hour at a time. Marjorie has sent us a delightful story, which is truly a memory moment: "In September 1939, Dr. Faulkner organized the first all-girl marching band in the state of Virginia! I was a charter member; I played trombone. We played and marched, by invitation, at the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester and at the Peanut Festival in Suffolk, where we won a $50 first prize. We strutted one block and played the *Legionnaires March* the next block. Unbeknownst to all spectators, that was the only piece we knew how to play. We did some high stepping that earned applause." Thanks, Marjorie for sharing that moment with us. We vividly recall seeing those high steppers march and play; and I must add that those classy short skirts on those Mary Washington beauties had to help earn that $50 prize.

1944

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Hazel "Tommy" Morris, wrote just before Christmas to let us know that she was heading for Myrtle Beach, S.C. with family friends and then on to Naples, Fla. to visit her brother and his wife during January and February. While there, she was going to see the Payne family whose daughter graduated from Mary Washington. They happen to live in Richmond, a short distance from **Nancy Duval Andrews**. Small world! Tommy has talked with Nancy and **Jane Brownley Thomas** quite often.

Virginia Pumphrey Webb and her sister, Pat Clark, flew to Amsterdam and embarked on a river voyage to discover medieval Germany. The high points were visits to the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, a day in Heidelberg, glass blowing in Wertheim, an organ concert in Passau, a visit to Melk Abbey and a concert of mostly Strauss (the younger) waltz music. They were glad that they had their walking shoes, having been warned about the cobblestone streets. What a wonderful time they had!

Since 1975, Catherine "Diddie" Laushey Covington '43 and her husband have visited 65 countries on every continent except Australia.

Libby Philips Roe and her husband are both in good health and enjoy their grandchildren. She was sad to learn that **Lucy Johnson Pilson** had passed away last September. **Anna Austin Roberts Ware** has been exchanging history books with Libby; a couple of them are *Benjamin Franklin* and *Captain John Smith*. She said that there is a replica of the little boat in which Smith made his 100-day tour of Chesapeake in Chestertown, Md. It is finished and will be on display in Jamestown if some of you might like to see it.

Bertha McPhail Johnson had a story to tell about Katrina. In the hurricane's aftermath, she endured temperatures of 100 degrees inside and 110 outside. Also, there was no water, phone or electricity. They had a gas grill for cooking but no gas for cars! They were going to use their pool for bathing and keeping cool but a pine tree ended that dream. A neighbor had an automobile agency, so he drained the gasoline from all the cars on his lot and kept his neighbors' generators running. They were so lucky to have come through the storm without major damage. However, they did lose 12 of their 199 1-year-old pine trees and the golf course behind them lost 630 huge trees.

Fran Tracy had shocking news from Guyana. The two men, Rich and Char, who took Fran's place 10 years ago, were murdered in the house of Fran's friend, Bev. Immediately afterward, Bev returned to America for safety, stayed with Fran for awhile, then returned to Guyana. The assumption was that the murder was a robbery gone bad. On a more pleasant note, Fran's pacemaker is working fine and she is in good health.

Ruth McDaniel Potts has news that **Theodora Nickerson Burson**, with her husband and two of their daughters, visited from Cape Cod during Christmas. Ruth is still hiking and bird watching whenever she gets a chance. She found the first "snowdrops" of spring blooming in her rock garden in the winter! I guess most of us have had weird weather these past few months.

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey says that her crew is all fine. One is in Detroit with General Motors, one at the Air Force Academy and one in his second year at Duke University. She celebrated her 83rd birthday (as we all have) and is doing fine with just a few aches and pains. **Nettie Evans Lawrey** is continuing to do well and is able to walk with friends every day. However, her friends say "no walking if the temperature is below freezing" and Nettie thinks they are sissies! Nettie's church is working toward its 50th anniversary celebration in March. Her children were 1, 4 and 7 when the church was built and she hopes that they will all be able to attend the big celebration. Nettie said she also hopes that we all will be around to meet the new president of UMW.

Virginia Hawley Butler has given up her house and is living with her daughter. Although she has a problem with her eyes, she still gets together with her friends for bridge and other outings, and is doing OK. Virginia sent an e-mail to Nettie, who was her fellow P.E. major and good friend.

While reading all your letters and notes, I am amazed by the collective energy of our class. I walk when I can and have taken some trips. Also, I play with the Grafton band along with Hank. I am quite involved with our Westminster Cares projects, helping seniors (older than we are of course!). I also am active in my church, singing in the choir and serving as treasurer of the Women's Fellowship. Our Historical Society takes some of our time, and we are very committed members. We are both interested in the same things, so it makes our "togetherness" more fun! Hank's *USS New York* ship reunion was cancelled last fall, as it was to have been in New Orleans just two weeks after Hurricane Katrina! So we will have to wait until next year to see everyone.

1945

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Hello! As class agent, I am happy to report news of our class, which I received mostly on Christmas cards. The common interests of our generation seem to be health, family, friends and the simple pleasures of life.

Once again, last December, **Anne Dawideit Dickinson** and DuVal drove to Orange, Va., to join **Bets Roberts Johnson** and Joe for lunch. Of course, their conversation included lots of Mary Washington memories. Anne's husband had a successful left hip replacement, and they are enjoying their great-grandchild who now completes the Dickinson family circle.

Doris Lanham Einbinder is happy to write that her grandson, who was a student at Old Dominion University, received an appointment to the Naval Academy and is now a plebe. Two other grandchildren are in college. Doris and **Nancy Aitcheson Taylor**, long-time friends and roommates at Mary Washington, see each other often. Doris' church work, family and friends fill her time with much pleasure and happiness. Nancy and Bill Taylor sent Christmas greetings from Belle Rive on the Potomac, near Mount Vernon. Though all of their family's homes are now within an hour's drive of Belle Rive, five of the 21 members of the Taylor clan are presently elsewhere. In spite of some health concerns and hindrances, Nancy and Bill stay busy and active. Nancy has returned to her creative artistry, and Bill explores ancestral roots on the computer. Regular worship with their parish family and visits from old and new friends enable them to say, "Life is good."

Lillian King Everett's annual Christmas party started the season of fellowship with her family and friends. Therapy and daily aerobics helped ease a leg problem she was experiencing; however, life has not slowed down for Lillian. She takes many day trips, as well as longer ones, with friends and frequently meets them for meals and also visits family members. Church activities round out a rewarding and full schedule.

Betsy Shamberger Eggleston's Christmas card, made by her daughter, was a photo of Betsy and her husband taken on the coast of Maine last summer. Betsy received a card from **Adrienne Herbert Doll '44**, who was traveling in Japan.

Ruth Parks Crockett reports limited progress with the latest treatment for her macular degeneration. She says the disorder has slowed her

down, but with the help of her husband and very good friend, **Marguerite Pruitt Luce**, Ruth is able to enjoy shopping and short trips. Last December, she attended a musical production in Lancaster; this year, she planned to attend her grandson's graduation from law school.

Therapy, following a fall, allows Marguerite to pursue and continue her many and varied interests. She plays bridge and participates in many social activities with a group of friends. Moving to a waterfront condo in Crisfield, Md., has enriched her life. She especially enjoys the beautiful sunsets, which are beyond description.

Gloria Post Goodsell and Roger are among those who planned to escape the winter weather. They were booked on a February cruise to the Caribbean. Willie Bonita, a beautiful white Persian cat, is very much a part of the Goodsell family and gives them "bragging rights."

During the holidays, I had an interesting conversation with **Jean Hudson Inskeep** and caught up with the Inskeep news. Jean says Culpeper is growing by leaps and bounds, a real population boom. Her activities include social contacts with her three sons' families and friends. In spite of Russell's health concerns, they are able to get out and stay active. Frequently they drive to Fredericksburg exploring and finding some good restaurants. Jean is always upbeat and a joy to talk to.

Dorothy "Skip" Potts Taylor is recuperating from Lyme disease. After much discomfort, she is feeling better and her energy level is gradually returning. She also experienced a puzzling swollen jaw gland problem. At last report, the Taylor household was getting back to normal and resuming their involvement in volunteer work, church and community affairs. They were also looking forward to getting together with their two daughters.

Grace Bailey Lindner and Carl are well settled in their new home in Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond. The social events and planned activities in the retirement village provide a full schedule. At dinner one evening, they were surprised to see Doris Lanham Einbinder who was visiting friends there. It's always fun to bump into Mary Washington friends. Grace is very diligent in keeping up with her college friends.

Christine Brauer Krausse and Spott continue with busy lives, maintaining two homes, taking trips, and sharing time with family and friends. They enjoy organizing tours for their church family. A high priority is watching their granddaughter play basketball.

There really is not much news in my family. While visiting our son in Maryland in late December, we were able to see the World War II Memorial in Washington. It is very impressive and so meaningful to our generation. We continue our routine of keeping up with appointments, valuing time with family and friends, attending church regularly and counting our blessings.

The next deadline is August 1. Please keep your classmates informed by sending some news.

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It hardly seems possible that this is the year of our 60th reunion. Reunion news will come later.

According to **Mim Riggs Gay**, she, **Vivian Wilkerson**, **Mickey Dixon Sullivan** and **Elizabeth Sullivan Vaughan** started the ball rolling early by having a mini-reunion luncheon. Mim said they had a "wonderful time" and an added feature was that several brought their daughters. Mim said she had been in touch with **Betty Lou Loftis Bailey**, who lives in Fredericksburg.

Nice letter from **Liz Stallings Sharpe** who said she hoped to make it to the reunion. She has been busy with family – took them all out to dinner last Thanksgiving "so no one had to cook." Grandson Rob has finished work on his MBA and is now engaged. She is excited about their plans for a summer wedding.

Sue Vick Warren writes that she and George had a rather rough 2005. She was diagnosed with osteoarthritis and George injured his back, but thankfully, she reports, "he and I are slowly improving." All I can say, Sue, is welcome to the club. I, too, was diagnosed with the same ailment. Could it be old age?! Wasn't it just yesterday that I was running up the hill hoping not to be late for class?

Sue said she saw **Janice Worsley Mayberry** over Christmas and has heard from **Ann Briesmaster**.

Julia "Cutie" Bridges Wcislo lives in an assisted living home in Morgan Hill, Calif., not far from her daughter's home, and loves it! "They do all the washing, cleaning, laundry, etc. and I spend my time walking, playing bingo, painting, reading, knitting; what's not to like?" Cutie plans to visit **Mickey Carpenter Jarecke** and husband Robert in Rancho Mirage, Calif., soon. Each Thanksgiving, the Jareckes visit Cutie and they all go over to Cutie's daughter's home in Morgan Hill for a lavish dinner. Cutie's oldest daughter lives in Massachusetts and flew back to visit her last summer.

Marian Dewing Funk writes that she enjoyed the 50th reunion. Since then, she has had a hip replacement and was scheduled to have a knee replacement in February, so attendance would depend on her recovery.

Dear friends, for the last five years, I have had the awesome but wonderful opportunity to serve as your Class Agent. Unfortunately, I must now ask someone to step up to the plate and volunteer to take over. At this point in our lives, it is such a joy to share news and keep track of each other. So, please, if there is anyone out there willing to take on this responsibility, contact me or the Alumni Relations office at UMW. Thank you for five wonderful years of serving as your class agent; it has been a great ride!

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Aileen Robbins Heflin and **Anne Barbour Carvil**, friends since second grade, traveled with Anne's daughter and family by way of Amtrak to New York City. **Ann Harrison Carroll** with husband Bob drove from West Hartford, Conn., to meet them for lunch. **Nancy Odin McIntyre** had planned to go but could not make it. The group saw *The Lion King* as well as the Rockettes. Each year, Aileen and Anne hear from **Mim Newell Josephs**, who lives in California.

> ***Nina Giera Schmidt '48 and her daughter had a great bike tour of Prince Edward Island, Canada, where she biked about 190 miles.***

On a sad note, **Barbara Gustafson Baker** and Lloyd lost their daughter to cancer last summer. They have moved to Ellicott City, Md., to be near their son.

Here are some reminiscent moments I've been having lately about Mary Washington:

My first and second years I took horseback riding; a Mr. Walthers took us to the stables in a station wagon, the kind with wood on the sides. I remember riding with many of the Class of '44 – **Muriel Bailey**, **Betty Smith**, **Marjorie Hudson**, **Joan Feaster** and her younger sister **Helena**. Another memory is of my favorite teacher – Dr. George E. Shankle, head of the English department. He consistently inspired me to do my very best.

I always look forward to hearing from all of you. Don't forget to send me your news by August 1.

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Thanks for all the yellow sheets that have been filling our mailbox! Unfortunately, I had offered my old e-mail address, so if anyone tried to return the form by e-mail, I did not receive it.

Our St. Petersburg, Fla., classmate **Nina Giera Schmidt** wrote that she and her daughter had a great bike tour of Prince Edward Island, Canada. She biked about 190 miles for the week, which sounds fantastic to me. She is still golfing and winning a lot. Nina is also quite involved as a Eucharistic minister of the Council of Catholic Women and visits the homebound once a week to serve Communion. She and her husband planned a trip to San Diego and Chico, Calif., this spring to visit family and friends.

From Massachusetts, **Pat Maguire Bilodeau** wrote that she and Ken were looking forward to their annual trip to St. Maarten in April. Her granddaughters live together in New York City, the younger doing graduate work at Hunter, the elder teaching French in Clarkstown, N.Y. and escorting a number of her students to France for a working vacation.

Rebecca Fristoe Goode wrote excitedly of the wedding of her granddaughter who graduated from Mary Washington last year and is now employed in one of the businesses of **Lois Saunier Hornsby**'s family. Isn't it a small world? Becky included wedding snapshots of the bridal party. Believe me, the Goodes are holding up very well indeed. Harvey continues to sing in barbershop and choral groups.

Ashby Griffith Mitchell's family is fine, with three of the grandchildren in college and one at home, proud owner of a new driver's license. Ashby and Jake go out to dinner each week with a group of eight or 10 old friends. With the help of water exercises and medication, **Helen Lowe Eliason** is able to drive, keep house and participate in a variety of activities related to gardening, children's literacy and community. Red Hat Club member **Helen Tate Johnson** sees **Betty Jean Foster Ridout** on club outings. She keeps herself busy with bridge, book club, biking, canoeing, painting, traveling, DAR and her second home on Pawley's Island.

To celebrate a series of milestones, **Anne Barnes Baugh** and family took

a six-day trip to Disney World. Anne's daughter finished her school administration studies; her oldest granddaughter graduated from medical school in New York; her grandson graduated from Boston University; and the youngest grandchild finished elementary school.

Evelyn Lee Vance, a retired school teacher, lives in Arlington, Va., and is a Life Master in duplicate bridge. One daughter has just married a corporate airline pilot; the other is an equestrian, horse farm manager and owner in Florida and New York.

Helen Singleton Darfus decided it was time to make a sentimental journey back home to Florida to visit old friends whom she had not seen since she moved to Louisiana in 2000. What a lovely time she had! Helen, already the proud grandmother of three beautiful granddaughters, visited Germany to see her fourth precious granddaughter. Son Jim and his wife, Carolin, live in Germany and named little Annabelle Carolin Singleton Darfus after Helen.

Ethel R. Chrisman moved to Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond with her sister, Louise. They enjoy a courtyard apartment overlooking a lake. **Norvell Millner Thomson** is still happy in Lynchburg where she volunteers as a docent at two historic homes. She also does water aerobics and has taken up the piano. She and Clay took a lovely 6,000 mile, 24-day trip out West this year.

Elva Welday Newdome still has many private violin pupils and loves teaching them. Her two daughters are professional violin musicians at Florida State University. Her son and family live near her in Mansfield, Ohio. **Glenna "Sandy" Graves Shiflett** will soon be pulling out of Fredericksburg. While waiting to get the family home, "Carlton," painted, Glenna has rented a home in Redington Shores, Fla.

A house sale and the purchase of a condo in the Conway, S.C., area have kept **Vivian Marie Adams Griffith** busy this past year. Vivian volunteers in the newborn nursery in Conway, helps in her church and even found time to travel to San Diego last year.

Laura Wright Nottingham lives alone, has a good, independent life, works out regularly and thanks God every day for her good health. Two children live nearby and a daughter lives in Richmond, all very attentive to Laura. She belongs to two bridge clubs, teaches Sunday school and sings in the church choir. She does some gardening, travels a bit to see friends and family, and planned a special trip this year to Scotland to see the area where her paternal ancestors originated.

I wish space would permit me to tell you all the intriguing news conveyed by **Sarah Wilson Estep**. She wrote about her contacts with spirits and other worlds, her conversations with Beethoven and others, and the manner in which she recorded the messages that came to her. She has written two detailed books, complete with CDs and pictures, entitled *Voices of Eternity* and *Roads to Eternity*.

Life has changed for **Jeanne Reifsnyder Wiseman** in that her children and their families have all come home after living in military areas abroad. She will miss foreign travels to visit them, but it is wonderful to have them stateside again. Jeanne is much involved with the welfare of children and plans to continue in this work. She is swimming, playing golf and reading endlessly.

Peggie McVeigh Mason has had lung cancer for five years, but feels she has much to be thankful for as she gets out each day to run errands for her florist business. She keeps in touch with Ashby Mitchell through e-mail, and would love to correspond with other class members. Paul and **Mabs Royar Loflin** are in relatively good health. They enjoy walking, doing church work, gardening and traveling. They went out to Seattle last year to visit Mabs' sister.

Eleanor Brackett Buse has had two major surgeries: hip replacement in 2004, open heart in 2005. She is much better now and beginning to get back into a full schedule of activities. She is a great-grandmother of a precious little girl, Mary. Ellie passed along the news that our classmate and one of her best friends, **Carolyn Bolling Sergeant**, died of a heart attack in 2004.

Muriel Harmon Lake is also a great-grandmother. She has a grandson who was to be married this spring just before his graduation from U.Va. Law School. Last winter, Muriel made a trip to the Rose Bowl Parade. For the first time in 50 years, the parade got rained on, but that didn't dampen their spirits; it still was fascinating to see how the floats were decorated and all the unusual seeds, grasses and flowers that were used. She toured San Diego and Los Angeles, including Universal Studios and the Crystal Cathedral. She has for the third time been installed as an elder in her Presbyterian church and is still organizing the trips of the High Flyers, traveling with the group to New York, Washington and soon, Myrtle Beach.

Technology expert jams much into career

Liam Cleaver '92 graduated from Mary Washington at a time when the Internet was taking America by storm. While many of his classmates were lured to careers in this groundbreaking industry, Cleaver became fascinated with another relatively new phenomenon – the intranet.

An intranet system is a network of computers that can be accessed only by an authorized set of users, such as employees of a company. Cleaver's interest was piqued in 1996 while working for Arthur Andersen's Business Consulting Group. "Our government clients were interested in how to use 'e-business' at the time ... to improve inter- and intra-agency communications," Cleaver said.

Cleaver's work at Arthur Andersen led to his position as program director for workplace strategy at IBM in Washington, D.C. He has saved the corporation about $2 billion a year by using technology to improve employee efficiency and productivity. "IBM has approximately 320,000 employees in 160 countries, so it's easy to have communication problems," Cleaver said. "My job is to take advantage of this and make the vastness of companies a benefit, not a detractor."

Of all his accomplishments at IBM, the one he values most is his work with "Jams," online forums used to gather the collective knowledge of employees. The technology has spread to organizations and companies worldwide. Through Jams, employers can identify actionable, measurable solutions to problems.

In 2004, the United Nations' World Urban Forum used a newly developed Jam to establish a conversation among politicians, aid organizations and people living in cities and slums around the world. Cleaver helped develop HabitatJam, making it possible for the WUF to engage large numbers of people in a discussion on the effects of rapid urbanization.

While he's quickly becoming a star in the intranet industry, Cleaver – a history and international studies major – has not forgotten his roots. "To a certain degree, what I've accomplished has come from the foundation Mary Washington provided," he said.

"Students were given a lot of responsibility and were expected to achieve excellence. That's something you take with you after graduation, so I've always wanted to give something back."

Cleaver served as student government president during his senior year at Mary Washington. One of his favorite memories is running to the Lee Hall balcony with his banner in hand to secure the most visible spot before elections. "The other student government candidates were running to get that same spot, so it was a great rush of excitement," Cleaver said. "I remember thinking how amazing it was to see students who cared so much about their school."

Cleaver owes more than his education to Mary Washington. He met his wife, **Ann-Clayton Everett '92**, on his first day of college. "She knew my roommate in high school and came to our floor in Randolph to visit him. Obviously, I was there," Cleaver said. "We started dating a month later and celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary during Reunion Weekend 2005." The Cleavers, their 4-year-old son and 18-month-old daughter live in Alexandria, Va.

Paul Schuster

Liam Cleaver '92

To show his appreciation for his alma mater, Cleaver participates in a number of activities on campus. He is a member of the Alumni Association Board, he chaired his 10th Reunion Giving Campaign, and he received of the Alumni Association Annual Young Alumnus Merit Award in 2005.

– Robyn Porter Mauney '03

No news from **Anne Williams Cordes**, but this interesting observation: When our class celebrates our 60th reunion, Mary Washington will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. June 2008 – put it on your calendar now, classmates!

Sarah Armstrong Worman and her daughter spent the Christmas holidays in Reykjavik, Iceland, visiting Sarah's goddaughter and family. Her grandson graduated from the Naval Academy in June and planned to be married the next day. He said "I do" before heading to Pensacola Fighter Pilot Flight School. Sarah's granddaughter was to graduate from Case Western Reserve University and hopes to pursue a master's degree from the U.Va. School of Architecture.

Charlotte Smith Hill and husband did not evacuate when Katrina hit their community in Mississippi. There was massive destruction, but their property is high and they experienced no flooding; only damage to their roof, deck and fence from falling trees. The Gulf Coast area will be forever grateful, she writes, to the many church and other volunteer groups from all parts of the country who came immediately after the hurricane and who continue to assist those who have lost so much. Charlotte received a Christmas card from **Sylvia Sheaks Moore** who wrote that she, joined by her family, celebrated a very special birthday in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on January 1.

According to "**Whickey" Whitley Knight**, all the Knights are well and busy. In late 2005, she visited Scotland and enjoyed visiting Edinburgh University. She, of course, spent the winter in Florida enjoying croquet season. She says she loves the game but rarely wins. Other activities include hospice, library, W.Va. Mansion Foundation, public broadcasting, church choir, bridge and tennis.

A reader poll in the Williamsburg paper named **Lois Saunier Hornsby** one of three Best Volunteers and also Most Influential. Congratulations, Lois! She was delighted to report that her son, Jonathan, has adopted a one-year old child from Guatemala.

Earle and I took a cruise in March on the *Crystal Symphony*; sites and stops included Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Uruguay, Cape Horn and the coast of Chile. I have a granddaughter attending U.Va. who pops in now and then to see us; such fun for us to hear about college life and how it has changed. Thanks again for all your notes. Please send me your news for the winter issue by August 1.

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A recurrent theme in holiday notes seems to indicate that our class is on the move!

In Stone Mountain, Ga., **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** and Les relocated from their spacious home to a retirement facility some months after our 50th reunion. However, they still have not put their six-acre property on the market. Jackie said downsizing to a one-bedroom apartment has been difficult in many ways, notably that their furniture doesn't fit and that their grandchildren now bring their sleeping bags for sleepovers. They are considering up-sizing to a two-bedroom unit for additional space.

Listing her new address in Richmond in her Christmas letter, **Dorothy "Dot" Desmond Helfrich** included the rigors of moving and all that it entails at this stage of her life. She said after weeks of trying to do away with excess, she still took too much from her large two-story home to a two-bedroom, one-floor condo. She moved in September, but in December still described herself as distressed, confused, sad, unproductive, tired and in pain from her bad back and sciatic leg. Dot said the 18-foot cathedral ceilings and windows present a real challenge to decorate, but she was taking her sweet time until she was more acclimated.

Since the loss of her beloved sister, **Anne Ross Parks '46**, in October 2004, **Dolores "Dee" Ross** has been busy handling the estate. Both sisters have been long, loyal, active supporters of Mary Washington. Since Dee inherited Anne's dog Joe, a Shih Tzu, she moved into Anne's home in Kilmarnock, Va., so that Joe can enjoy a fenced yard. Putting her own home in Kilmarnock on the market, Dee has had the difficult task of fitting 14 rooms of furnishings into Anne's seven-room house. That's either downsizing or cramming!

As reported in our last Class Notes, **Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt** and Bill had a quick sale of their Houston, Texas home of 40 years and a move to their country place. Kate and Bill decided to leave their life in Houston when they found their house, yard and city all were too big, traffic far too congested and their commute to and from the farm too exhausting. Deciding the time had come to simplify, they hired a contractor to build a new home for them in a small town of 1,800, some 25 miles from their farm in east Texas. Kate later wrote that the mid-December transport was traumatic, but they survived. Living at their farm, Kate has been in daily consultation on the details of their new home, which was scheduled to have been completed by the end of March.

We also reported the opposite circumstances when **Harriet Scott Brockenbrough** put her home on the market last November. Her home also sold immediately. However, Harriet's buyer agreed to let her stay there until her new place was ready at the end of February. That allowed Harriet a leisurely pace to prepare for her transition to a unit in the new wing of the Covenant Woods independent-living retirement community in Mechanicsville. However, on February 2, a three-alarm fire swept through the new section of the complex, destroying 14 months of work. It was only weeks before new residents were to occupy the 50 units – one of which was to have been Harriet's. Of course, she and her family and friends are so very thankful that the move had not yet occurred. At this writing, Harriet has moved into an apartment in Richmond for about a year or so until the Covenant Woods facility is rebuilt. Harriet has had a traumatic year, but bless her heart, I'm sure things will start looking up for her.

After getting both a pacemaker and a new knee last year, Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore '49 said she felt she was turning into a bionic woman! She continues to enjoy her watercolor creations and spent three winter weeks in Mexico participating in painting workshops.

Not to be left out of all the activity, **Christine "Tina" Dunnavent Ridgwell** reported from Norfolk that her objective in 2006 was "to move into the 21st century" and to learn to use her new Christmas gift – a computer. She plans future communications via e-mail, and we eagerly await news from her and all our computer-corresponding classmates.

Both **Jane Yeatman Spangler** and husband Bob are valued volunteers in several venues of Concord, N.C. Jane performs weekly church duties and serves on both the Pastoral Care committee and the Altar Guild. Delivering "Meals on Wheels" to shut-ins and serving on the board of Friends of the Library also are rewarding programs, while her bridge and book clubs have high priority as fun events. Last May, the Spanglers and their extended family enjoyed a fun week together in Williamsburg, Va., and in November, Jane and Bob spent a quiet week "looking at the ocean" at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Returning from their annual holiday trip to Pennsylvania usually includes a stop-over in Lexington for a visit with **Betty Bond Heller Nichols**; however, Jane's symptomatic sore throat dictated a direct drive home and a healthier visit later in the year.

As the official accompanist for the VMI Glee Club, Betty Bond stays busy, but says she is having fun working with the Keydets. Their December concert of both patriotic and Christmas music was well received in Richmond. A tentative March performance in New York City would be quite a coup for the group.

Word from **Doris Norman Carter** and husband Sterling is that their daughter, Denise, has moved back to Virginia from California. That means their four children are now equally divided between the East and West coasts, making visiting easier. **Leora "Nehi" Knapp Moro '50**, with us for three-and a-half years before taking a semester off, remains a Fabulous Forty-Niner at heart. Nehi and husband Peter are non-stop "Inn travelers" and reported having a wonderful night in Lancaster, Pa., a year ago when they took **Barbara Watson Barden** and Bob out to dinner to celebrate the Bardens' 50th anniversary year. Nehi added that she thought they were "four seniors to whom the years have been kind," a lovely tribute to both couples. After year-long celebrations of their Golden Year, and several trips and family gatherings, the Bardens opted for a quiet Christmas. Each of the children and grands came one weekend at a time. Barbara and Bob may have something there!

Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook's family continues keeping in touch with her caring classmates. Roland, Kitten's widower, wrote that he has macular degeneration and is considering moving to a retirement complex soon. Their four daughters are all doing well in their various professions. Dawn, who has a lovely little daughter, is directing theater productions in Richmond; her husband passed his medical boards. In spite of the effects of MS, their eldest daughter, Denise, fulfills the rigorous duties as editor of *ONUS* magazine, which won an award of excellence last year.

In response to **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons**' Christmas card to

the Groffs, Andi received the sad news from Addison Groff that **Irene "Ronnie" Bornemann Groff** passed away on February 14, 2003. When both were English majors at our alma mater, Andi and Ronnie often spent an hour or so studying together and Andi remembered always coming away from each such study period relaxed and smiling. And she wrote to Addison of that happy, poignant memory which we're certain he deeply appreciated.

Andi's entire family gathered for Thanksgiving in Manassas at the homestead, "Inverness." They were saddened by the loss of a gigantic, centuries-old oak, felled by a severe storm. Long a source of shade and peaceful rest, it also was a gathering place for family celebrations. But the ill-wind blew some good as it turned their fallen icon into a natural, nostalgic setting for the family portrait that became Andi's Christmas card. Andi and the whole clan of sons, wives and grands, together with seven dogs, were posed along the now-horizontal trunk, with a few perched upon lower branches, for a memorable moment and keepsake. This will be a milestone year for three of Andi's grandchildren, with one graduating from college and two from high school. Of the latter, one will be following tradition by enrolling at our alma mater. Another alumna granddaughter, **Andrea Devening '04**, has an internship in Washington this summer and is living at Inverness while undergoing the culture shock of the daily commute.

An ill wind did not blow anything good for **Lucy Vance Gilmer** last August in Bristol, Va. A neighbor's tree fell into her yard and onto part of her house, causing considerable damage to the roof and exterior, which had to be repaired or replaced. That tree, and those of another neighbor, decimated Lucy's landscaping, especially her entire row of 43-year-old rhododendrons whose annual bloom was her joy. Grateful for no injuries or further damage, Lucy was dismayed by the timing as it occurred just one week before the church homecoming in which she was thoroughly involved. The homecoming was the highlight of a year-long celebration of the 125th anniversary of her church. As previously noted, for the past two years Lucy has devoted all of her time, energy and computer skills to practically every facet of the anniversary, to the exclusion of everything else. She wrote of being exhausted and burned out, but happy with having established the church archives and with the success of the celebration. She hosted two Virginia Intermont College "daughters" and families who returned to Bristol for the church homecoming. Despite all her activities, Lucy added, "My osteoarthritis and osteoporosis have slowed me down!"

Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for Class Notes submissions:

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Perhaps the storm that struck Bristol and environs may have been part of a wide band of severe weather that originated over the Midwest. Strong, sustained winds of 60-70 mph caused widespread damage and prolonged power outages over the bi-state area of Missouri and Illinois. **June Davis McCormick**, in St. Louis, was one of hundreds of thousands without power for three days or more, with all the obvious ramifications.

Ever a good reporter, Lucy passed along news of other classmates. **Sarah Kathryn Hayter Helton** has macular degeneration and other health problems, but lives alone and has help coming in to do housework, etc. In addition to her four sons, Sarah Kathryn now has 10 grandchildren and three great-grands. During their phone chat, Lucy read much of our Class Notes in the winter issue to Sarah, who enjoyed the news and appreciated Lucy's thoughtfulness.

Barbara Trimm Wright wrote that she enjoys each birthday and does not mind getting older. She has nearly completed the estate of her only surviving sister, Gladys, who died in 2004. Barbara keeps busy with her church activities and enjoys dining out with friends or cooking for them. Cousins from Arizona visited her in July, and Barbara's nephew and his wife now live next door to her in South Hill, Va. Barbara and **Alta Towe Fogelgren** stay in touch via e-mail, and **Gladys Riddle Whitesides** also e-mails Barbara. In a Christmas note to Lucy, Gladys wrote that she had three ruptured discs in her back last year, sinus surgery in June, and a knee replacement in September.

As you'll recall, **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** is an original, and her Christmas cards reflect that. Blackie's kennel is down to five dogs now, but she continues breeding her special basset hounds. Still a delegate to the American Kennel Club, she is secretary to her local kennel club, is a volunteer on the five-state referral service for breeder choices, and is a volunteer in a local charity thrift shop. Last year, Blackie became an AKC-approved judge, which took her to shows in Oregon, Maryland and New Jersey; this year she is scheduled to judge shows in Colorado, Missouri and Ohio. In short, Blackie stays busy and says it is fun! She expressed the growing thought of many, saying, "Things that used to take me 10 minutes now seem to take 10 days!" Sound familiar?

When **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore** got both a pacemaker and a new knee last year, she said she felt she was turning into a bionic woman! Feeling fine now, she especially enjoys her watercolor creations, and she spent three winter weeks in Mexico participating in painting workshops. Betty called to our attention an extensive spread in the December issue of Mary Englebreit's *Home Companion* magazine featuring **Primm Turner ffrench**, husband John and their children creating their unique silkscreen calendar which the ffrench family designs and produces each year. With a subscription of more than 1,200 awaiting each artistic work, it is an enormous undertaking, with beautiful results.

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart and Bonar saw five plays during a holiday week in New York City and managed to get out during the transit strike there. Conni said their favorite was *Light in the Piazza* at the Lincoln Center, but noted they really didn't have to travel to New York to see great shows as Toronto is becoming a theatrical Mecca, as well as a film and television production center. In her August appearance in *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks*, Conni had to dance six numbers, ranging from a waltz to the tango, all in high heels! Their son Tony and his family arrived from Los Angeles to catch the last performance, after which they all went to the Stuarts' cottage north of Toronto for some R&R.

Conni recently had a role in the CBC/BBC movie *Shades of Black*, which is about Conrad Black, the Canadian publisher who currently is on trial in the U.S. for some "nefarious business dealings." As a later endeavor, Conni said she was studying Wagner's *The Ring Cycle*. Toronto's grand Opera House will perform the complete tetralogy this fall, having featured each separately over the last two years. The Stuarts were looking forward to the annual suite reunion, hosted this year in April by **Norah Pitts Byrnes** and husband Bill at their home in Atlanta, Ga. Following that gala gathering, Norah and Bill – or "Doc" – were to make their annual *Queen Mary II* voyage to England.

Thanks to those classmates who provided all the news for this issue; now, what's new with you? As ever, love to you all from both of us.

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Thanks to all of you who sent news: It is good to hear from you anytime via e-mail or snail mail.

Alicia DeRiviera-Cruz is in better health after her bout with pneumonia last year. **Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni** relocated to Caguas, Puerto Rico. She and Luis went to the town of Juana Diaz on the south side of the island for the Three Kings Day celebration during which there is a parade and the kings approach the church offering gifts. All is done in song, and Carmen said it was beautiful.

Barbara Lloyd Hiller of State College, Pa., makes cards, quilts and other crafty things with her local Woman's Club. Their daughters fulfilled one of husband Jim's wishes by taking them to D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial. Granddaughter Jenny plans to marry in July. **Mary Mount Lind** and Dick traveled from Bethlehem, Pa., in July 2005 to Door County, Wis., to celebrate her sister Sally's 50th anniversary. In September, Dick had another hip revision surgery and was making good progress by Christmas. **Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader** is grateful to have the new right knee she got in February 2005. They traveled to visit family on several occasions, but their annual September trip to Nags Head was cut short by Hurricane Ophelia.

In October, **Billie Mitchell Hanes** met her granddaughter, Anne, in Dublin for a wonderful tour that included staying in castles and grand hotels, as they explored the country from east to the rugged West Coast. Hurricane Wilma hit **Anne "Ozzie" Osborne Cox** with full force in Plantation, Fla. It will take a long time to rebuild, but she and Frank are grateful to be safe. They work five days a week, but spend time with family who all live within 15 minutes of their home. Two grandsons are high-school age, and one is 6. Daughter Sheri is a talented floral designer who decorates homes and clubs. Daughter Peggy planned to marry in April.

Clelia Boushee Bullard's lymphoma is under control, and she is being monitored regularly. She and Ray are proud of their grandchildren. The oldest grandson graduated from Moody Bible College and has been at seminary in Louisville, Ky.; another is in his first year at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. The oldest granddaughter is communications director for the Republican Party in Georgia; two attend University of

Florida in Gainesville; two are in high school. **Gerry Boswell Griffin** and Dave are settled in Davidson, N.C., a small town with buildings listed on the National Historic Register and Davidson College campus, a designated arboretum. Gerry had a good phone chat with **Beverly Runge** from Charlottesville.

Shirley Cole Schleter's husband, John, writes me from Kitty Hawk, N.C. He visited Torino, Italy, several times during the Winter Olympics to visit son Chris. As the on-site project manager for timing, scoring and results with Swiss Timing, he was responsible for getting all game results to the media and federations. Quite a job! **Patti Head Ferguson** and husband Glenn live in Santa Fe, N.M. Glenn just published his fifth book, *Traveling the Exotic*, which begins in India in 1984 and spans time in Kenya, Niger and Hungary when the Iron Curtain was lifted.

1951

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Hopefully by now you all have settled down from your summer vacations and grandchildren visits. If you went to our Mary Washington reunion, you are remembering conversations about the days we spent together in college.

Ruth DeMiller Hill had no news to report, but she let me know she is doing OK.

Please write; all of your classmates would like to share your good and sad times.

1952

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From Barbara:

Desiree Clausen Sharp feels as though she has come home with her move back to the country near Coatesville, Pa. **Nancy Newhall Hulbert** and husband Harry love their new winter home in North Carolina near their two daughters. They enjoy many more family reunions there than when they lived year-round on Cape Cod, where they plan to spend summers.

After 16 years of collecting submissions and writing the column for the class, the time has come for Charlotte and me to relinquish our roles. We thank all of you who have communicated with us over the years; it has been our pleasure to hear from you. New class agent **Rebecca "Becky" Spitzer Harvill** looks forward to hearing from you and reporting all the good and sad news happening within our class. E-mail her at becbub@earthlink.net.

We are grateful to Becky for taking over this awesome but fulfilling responsibility.

1954

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Mary Chilton Newell and husband Bill are enjoying retirement on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay in Mathews County, Va. They boat less now, but are active in their church and community. They have three children and six teenage grandchildren who live in Roanoke, Va., Blowing Rock, N.C., and Nashville, Tenn. Last year, Mary and Bill traveled to Costa Rica, and took a windjammer cruise on the Penobscot Bay in Maine with daughter Anne and grandson Taylor.

Mary wrote with the sad news that **Grace Cumming Behal** had died after a long illness. Grace was a beautiful person in every way. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and dear friends.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2004, **Edwina Wright Blankenship** and husband Walter, four children, spouses and three grandchildren went to the Great Smokies. Edwina might agree to "downsize" if she could take her wildflower garden with her. I sent Edwina and others a copy of our reunion group photo for help with identification. So far, there have been no responses. Come on y'all – help me out.

Ann Lewis Payne said her membership in the "Bionic Women of '54" is due to rods implanted in her arm when, after practically standing still, she broke it changing clothes. Be careful out there! **Helen Hodges Conte** is dogless for the first time in 30 years after their 14-year-old dog had to be put down. They will take their time in choosing a new companion.

My e-mail and address have not changed. Use them! Thanks to all who have written.

1955

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Hi fellow classmates! I'm writing this in February and it is 81 degrees here in San Luis Obispo. Meanwhile, all of you folks in the Northeast are experiencing the biggest snowstorm of the season. I'll refrain from rubbing it in!

Ginny Marco Hancock was one of the pre-nursing students in our class; she graduated from the U.Va. School of Nursing in 1956. Ginny attended our 50th and enjoyed seeing all the new buildings and as always, the beautiful Mary Washington campus. **Polly Stoddard Heim** lives in Tucson, Ariz., and has long-range plans to attend Mary Washington's 100th anniversary in 2008. She sent news of the death of **Doris Kirby Wagg**, who was in the pre-nursing program at Mary Washington from 1951-1953. She and **Joan Membert Shropshire** went to George Washington University for their final two years.

Charlotte Clapproth Fisher and Chris traveled on a riverboat down the Danube from Passau to the Black Sea during a wonderful trip to the Balkans in December. Charlotte also plans to attend Mary Washington's 100th anniversary.

Betsy Land Johnson in Green Bay, Wis., said she was sorry she missed the 50th reunion and was in a "funk" over the Packers losing streak. **Pat McKey Headland** and husband Carl live in Michigan and often drive through Pennsylvania to get to Connecticut and Virginia for visits with their six grandchildren. Pat is looking for roommate **Joan Ferrall Shaw**'s e-mail address. Anybody have it?

Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher wrote: "I was manning a Daylily Society booth at the Virginia Garden Show, when **Peggy Nichols** showed up. She used to be principal of my kids' elementary school, and I got a call from her one day way back then, saying 'Your son, Bobby, is passing a photo around school showing you scantily clad.' It turned out to be one of my Mary Washington shots of a costume party we were having in our room at Ball Hall (**Joan Kleinknecht** and I were dressed as Adam and Eve!). Having the brains of a Styrofoam cup, I showed the picture to my kids." Gretchen's photograph must have had quite an impression on her son – he is a professional photographer who photographed Yo Yo Ma and is in the jungles of Surinam doing a shoot for *Travel & Leisure* magazine.

I'll close with this memory moment: Who remembers the Mary Washington "Walking" Cavalry? Oh yes, I did do that freshman year. It went like this – in case the Fredericksburg Police were called to D.C. for a national emergency, we were supposed to man defunct traffic lights, stop shoplifters, etc. Now, isn't that a scary thought?! There is also a newsreel of the cavalry floating around somewhere. Thank you all for your news; I look forward to hearing from more of you. The next deadline to me is August 1. Write or e-mail, please.

1956

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When you read this, I hope that I will have seen all of you at the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Mary Washington.

I became a grandmother of boys this past year for the first time. "Jack" Chilton Power was born last May in Louisiana, and Thomas Edward Power – named for his two uncles – was born to my third son, Stephen, in Frankfurt, Germany, in September. In July, I went to the Chilton family reunion at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, Va. **Betty Harpine Chilton '50, Gene Pugh Chilton '53, Frances Myrick Chilton '53** and **Mary Chilton Newell '54** were just a few of the Mary Washington alumnae of my generation who shared in the weekend fun. I left the farm for the winter and moved into a condominium in Warrenton, but I plan to return to the country life come spring. I hope to hear from each of you who enjoy hearing news of your classmates. Put me on your "to do" list for the next issue. Deadline for submissions is August 1.

1957

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Mary Whitford Thielscher and husband Dave's son, Eric, 32, was to be married in September to a young woman he met in nursery school. They became reacquainted at their 10th high school reunion and BINGO! He works in finance in Boston and she works for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. Mary and Dave visited with **Erna McLaughlin Lawrence** and husband Kent, who live in Boston. They also visited with Susie Heap, who came from California on her way to join a tour in Russia. Mary looks forward to seeing everyone at our 50th!

Joan O'Shaughnessy Kaufmann and Paul live in Danville, Calif., and

have been happily married for 46 years. Travels took them to Catalina and Indian Wells, but the real story is their two trips to Europe. Those travels involved skull bones – allegedly belonging to Beethoven – which Paul inherited from his Austrian family. The tale of these "Beethoven skull fragments" received worldwide attention, as a Google search of those words reveals. The story began when Beethoven's body was exhumed in 1863; Dr. Romeo Seligman (a great-great-uncle to Paul) was given bone fragments for study, and the pieces passed down to Paul. The Beethoven Center in San Jose, Calif., contacted Paul, who helped authenticate the bones. Joan and Paul traveled to Germany to leave a skull fragment for analysis at the Institute of Medicine at the University of Muenster and took a side trip to Amsterdam. When they flew back to pick up the skull fragments in October, they also visited Ireland. In the end, the bones were confirmed to be those of Beethoven, and Joan and Paul have loaned them to the Beethoven Center.

Joan recovered from two bouts of breast cancer and since 2003 has considered herself cured! She celebrated her 70th birthday in Scottsdale, where her brother and family live; in pictures from the surprise party, she and Paul look fantastic, as do their daughter and 11-year-old twin granddaughters. Joan plays bridge and golf, and she does volunteer hearing and vision testing of preschoolers. Paul started a new company, Wellness Express Clinic, with six medical offices installed in drugstores in northern California; he hopes to install 100 of these clinics in the next few years.

If you haven't marked your calendars for our 50th reunion, be sure to do so NOW – June 1-3, 2007. Remember to send news. There is no column without you!

1958

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In September 2005, **Judy Townsend Bainbridge** received the Whitney M. Young Jr. Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Urban League of Upstate South Carolina. A stunning black tie event featured the showing of a video about her, which included a picture with **Barbara Shann Greenleaf** and **Beth Beckler Bodnar** just before the Mary Washington Junior Benefit. Judy teaches English composition at Furman University and counsels students applying for national scholarships. She is editing about 80 of her *Greenville News* articles on Greenville history in hopes of publishing a collection next year.

Sally Shepherd Harrison lives in San Clemente, Calif., on the northern edge of Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. She retired after 18 years of teaching for Park University, and she hosted a Las Vegas party for younger daughter Justine's graduation from University of Nevada, Las Vegas law school. Sally travels with older daughter Darcy, who owns an international public relations firm headquartered in San Francisco. Darcy's business trips have taken them to the British Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, New York and Chicago.

A fall walk in the leaves reminded **Ruthie Ridge Griggs** of the comings and goings between Framar and Custis. She wondered if all that walking added to our healthiness before it was fitness-related. She also remembered the Marines who visited campus before being sent to Southeast Asia. Ruthie has seen **Nancy Snook Miller**, **Betty Beckam Gentry**, **Jean Miller Whitefield** and others from Custis and Ball dorms.

Mary Townsend Bates Rupe and husband Chuck continue to enjoy Williamsburg, Va., where they are in the Ford's Colony Wine and Dine Group and the Chickahominy Ruritans; they also work at the James City County Fair each year. They bought an investment condo in Kill Devil Hills, N.C., and spent the spring refurbishing it. Mary plays bridge online, at tournaments and in clubs.

Please keep in touch by e-mail, regular mail and/or telephone. When referring to classsmates, please include any changes in their last names. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from more of you. The next deadline is August 1.

1959

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Gloria Winslow Borden, of Springfield, Va., lost her mother in August and we extend our sincere condolences. Now retired, Gloria visits family members and does the usual home and church activities. Gloria took a spring adventure tour of Costa Rica; she spent Thanksgiving in Houston with daughter Cynthia, Cynthia's husband, and daughter Caroline's family; she planned to spend Christmas with Caroline's family. Granddaughters Beth and Kate attend Pepperdine University. Living near Washington, D.C., she receives frequent visits from her granddaughters.

Molly Bradshaw Clark has been in Phoenix, Ariz., Hawaii and Florida. She and her husband greeted the New Year in their mountain retreat. **Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn** said grandson Mason is 5 going on 15; he keeps them all on their toes. **Marsha Phipps Ireland** and Gary have four grandchildren, ages 1 to 14, all doing well. Gary said he plans to retire; Martha said she has heard that before!

Celeste Shipman Kaufman traveled to Oregon, New York, Rhode Island, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Mississippi (for her 50th high school reunion), and Prague. She has five grandchildren – all good students – who live close by: Austin is good in track; Francie is a cheerleader; Smylie and Luckie play golf and basketball, and Sarah tries everything. Last summer, there was a family reunion at her grandfather's homeplace where many cousins had homes on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. After Katrina, there was only one house remaining. They are all rebuilding.

Betty Atkeson Salley '60 and George sold their home in Gloucester, Va., bought a 41-foot steel ketch, and lived aboard it for six years, sailing from the Bahamas to Maine.

Julia Coates Littlefield and Mo have been retired for five years. Julia sings and volunteers at church, and she helped raise more than $9,000 for charities. She and Mo traveled to the Poconos, the North Carolina coast and Wintergreen, Va.; they also made their annual visit to Mo's family on Penobscot Bay, Maine. Daughter Bess and husband Mike, head liaison with the Virginia Association of Counties, have a new house in Mechanicsville, Va., where Julia and Mo planned to spend the holidays. Grandson Jack, 12, is an honor student. Julia's son Scott and wife Susan are in Augusta, Ga., where he does Internet trading and she is a substitute preschool teacher.

Mary Massey and Jack Meiners enjoy scenic hiking, gardening, wildflowers, and Elderhostel travel. They visited Jack's family near Walla Walla, Wash., went to an Appalachian Trail Conference in Johnson City, Tenn., and traveled to Kentucky's Mammoth Cave National Park, New Brunswick's Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia National Park and Las Vegas, Nev. Mary performs with the Levine Community Singers, and they take interesting classes at Legacy College, University of Maryland.

Lois Gaylord Allen's grandson, Marcus, a high school junior, is scouting colleges. He runs track and would like to compete in a Division II college. Lois is busy with a local mental health board, child placement board and the Humane Society. She hears from **Ruth Gaines Hepner**.

Eleanor Old's Arthur subs at Lancaster County Technical Center, but he said this year the computer instructors have been disgustingly healthy. Son Jim, Beth and the boys come to visit in Port Harbor, N.C., or he sees them in Norfolk. Beth will finish a nursing degree; Jim is adjusting to civilian life and working as a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton.

Patricia Gray Proulx, Dan and the whole family were in Maine in August. Pat and Dan visited their son Daniel and Gina in Sarasota, Fla. last year. Gina had an April due date, and all the family – including their daughter Pam, Mark and their two children – planned to be present for the birth. **Sally Warwick Rayburn** and Jim are living on their boat while completing their house in Cape Coral, Fla. **Anne Saunders Spilman** wrote that all was well with her.

Ann Watkins Steves and Bob live in Plano, Texas. With the addition of son Bill's Stella, they now have eight grandchildren. Bill is studying to be a teacher; daughter Linda is a church secretary; Mark is in the oil business; son David is organizing a pool league franchise in Sacramento, Calif.; and son Bruce returned to Florida to pursue an advanced degree as a certified public accountant. Ann and Bob took a cruise to Italy and one to the Mexican Riviera; they traveled to Las Vegas and Pagosa Springs, Colo., and San Francisco. They spent Thanksgiving in New England with Bill and his wife, Linda, and Christmas in Florida with Bruce and his family.

Jane Tucker Broadbrooks and John spent the holidays in Utica, N.Y., with son Jon Karl, editor of the *Observer Dispatch*, Cathy and three children. All is busy in Jane's life, as it is with **Molly Bradshaw Clark**, **Jo Neal Hendricks Scully** and **Mary Stump Harrell**. John Chappell wrote about construction of the Centennial Campanile, a bell tower which will be erected on campus in **Carmen Culpeper Chappell**'s memory. **Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas** spent her annual summer month in Greece. She teaches elementary school science; Speros does legal translation. Son Gregory returned from his tour in Baghdad, and he is settled back into civilian life in New York. Ann saw **Mary Elizabeth Jones Hoff**, **Ann Caddy Morgan** and **Sandra Quarles Cockrell** at a high school reunion. Small world! We extend our sympathy to Ann, who lost her mother in August.

Hurricane Dennis just missed **Joan Whittemore Loock** and Jim, and Hurricane Katrina damaged their yard

and their beach house in Gulf Shores, Ala. They planned a cruise in March. Jim had a hip replacement; Joan had rotator cuff surgery. They went to football games, played golf (slowed down by the surgeries), visited friends and traveled to Wisconsin to visit Jim's daughter and grandchildren. They planned a trip to Virginia Beach to visit their Virginia children. Daughter Marty is doing well with her new restaurant. Baby Emily, born in December to daughter Kristin, brought to six the number of Joan's grandchildren.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers went to her 50th high school reunion, and she planned her annual ski trip to Utah for February. Don received a pacemaker just before Christmas, and he has less fatigue, more energy and is finally able to drive again. **Nancy Brewer McCarthy** and husband Wilson plan to make some short trips this year. Although Nancy's left foot is completely healed from surgery, she still takes it easy. Wilson has taken up walking and said he feels great! Though **Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs** and Archie have an antique shop in Woodstock, Va., they call Vienna home. Charlotte's highlights of 2005: her mother-in-law's 90th birthday; trips to Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Norfolk, Va., and Alaska; visits to Ohio to see daughter Tracey, Andy, Molly and Anna; visits to North Carolina to see son Alan and Dale; and a trip to the farm for apple butter making.

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle and Tom visited their favorite wineries in Santa Barbara. Aud's mother is 92 and very frail. Daughter Jennifer has a new house in Atlanta with dogs, cats and birds. Tiffany, Tom and their families all were at Aud's for Christmas.

In November, **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** was named fundraising volunteer of the year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, at a luncheon attended by close to 1,000 people. Honestly, girls, she is on every board in New Jersey and Pennsylvania – in education, the arts, medicine and science. She and Russ traveled to San Francisco, Palm Beach, Alabama, Chicago and Arizona this year; they plan to visit Antarctica in January, which would make the seventh continent they have visited. They saw Gloria Winslow Borden and also met with her freshman roommate, **Marcella Stapor**. Marcella is single and practices law in New York.

Mary Fredman Downing continues her volunteer work with Traveler's Aid and Glenn is still pursuing his economic work with some long-term clients, as well as his archaeological ventures in Israel. Mary attended her 50th high school reunion in Falls Church last September. Daughter Allison, Justin and first-grade grandson Joey live in Manhattan. Allison runs the fundraising group Friends of P.S. 163. Justin is an editor of *Fortune* magazine, he is writing a book on the stock market, and he has been identified as a "Young Global Leader." Son Stefan has lived in Madison, Wis., for 20 years; he is special projects coordinator for Trek Bicycle Corp. The interesting and exotic trips Mary and Glenn took last year – Portugal, Germany, France, Denmark and Scotland, not to mention a trip on the *Queen Mary II* – make my head spin.

Geraldine Jenks Winston and Addison, their two sons, wives and five grandchildren spent a holiday weekend at The Greenbrier. **Dorothea Reeder Hruby**'s son-in-law, Terry, is stationed in Iraq. She asks for prayers.

Well, girls, Virginia seems to be surviving without me ...

1960

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Here is our news from Class of '60 Headquarters. With your help and the assistance of **Patty Garvin Dyke**, **Nancy Moncure Deiss**, **Dana Lee Dunn Walker**, **Grey Schaefer Dodson**, **Sandra Johnston Laub**, **Willie Burton Calhoun** and the UMW Alumni Association, Jody and I have made countless attempts to contact the more than 100 "lost lambs" from our class. To date, we have "found" 28 classmates and updated countless addresses.

Jan Latven Allnutt sent a picture of her, **Emy Steinberg Hyans** and **Cathy Ledner Kuttner '61** – they all look terrific! Jan and Bob have lived in Bethesda, Md., for 34 years. They play lots of tennis, entertain and travel. Recently they hiked in Patagonia, motored around Australia and New Zealand, and spent three weeks in Italy, Croatia and Bosnia. The entire family gathered in the Vancouver, B.C., area to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. One son is an attorney living in Washington state with his family and their three children; the younger son lives and works in New Mexico. Jan stays in touch with **Joey Van Tol Goetz**, **Betty Bruce Shepard**, **Fontaine Jones** and Emy, who lives in South Orange, N. J.

Emy finished college in her home state, and had her first child a year later. Her son has provided her with three grandchildren, and her daughter has provided a "granddog." Emy received a master's degree in counseling and family therapy. For 24 years she was a pediatric oncology social worker at a Summit, N.J., hospital. The day she retired she began working for the Childhood Leukemia Foundation, assessing the needs of and meeting requests for financial aid to families of children with cancer. She now works at home, but finds enough time for tennis and golf. She enjoys cooking, reading, painting and leading support groups for women with recurring breast cancer. She keeps in touch with **Rose Bennett Gilbert** and Jan Latven Allnutt.

Texas has been home to **Barbara Wageneck Gardner** for 47 years. She has two children and four grandchildren. Her husband of 45 years died suddenly in 2003. Barbara has been a homemaker, a nurse and a "Jill of all trades." In college, she was an art major who loved nursing more; now, though, she is taking up watercolors to satisfy her creative energy.

Sharon Scott Bailey lives in Naples, Fla., but calls Wisconsin home. She received a master's degree in music education from University of Wisconsin; she taught music privately and in the schools for years. Her husband, Ben, taught history at Carthage College in Kenosha. Sharon substitute teaches in Naples, Fla., and is a member of AAUW and the Naples Music Club. Sherry and Ben have been married for 47 years; they have two children and three grandsons.

Janet Hook Weber Foley lives in Oviedo, Fla. She has been a featured columnist in the local newspaper for 14 years. Janet is twice a widow, has three children and three grandchildren. Her constant companion is a golden retriever. She is active in several volunteer groups, local charities and the local women's club. She corresponds with suitemates **Rita Knupp Burke** and **Dee Merrill Albright**.

Terry Eagles Dow of South Hamilton, Mass., has two part-time administrative jobs, so she still has time to play golf, walk and visit family and friends. She and her retired husband have two sons and one grandson. **Gray Schaefer Dodson** (who left Mary Washington before graduating) married, raised three children, and completed a bachelor's degree of fine arts at Old Dominion University. Living in Arrington, Va., she is a full-time artist who posts her work on her Web site. Her declared major at Mary Washington was English, she said, but she really majored in weekends.

Mary Jane Stevens Taylor writes from Virginia Beach, that "beautiful Mary Washington" has been in her thoughts all these years and she feels very fortunate to have spent four years there. A lot of us will agree with that statement! At her husband's 45th reunion at the Naval Academy, Mary Jane spent the weekend reminiscing with several Mary Washington graduates. She married Ray, a Navy officer, right after graduation, lived in Rhode Island, and taught school for a year before the first of two sons was born. They have lived in France, Germany and Bahrain. When Ray retired in 1992, he let her write "the final set of orders," she said, and she chose the Tidewater, Va., area. Though she has two new knees and Ray has a new hip, they enjoy cultural activities, gardening and travel. They are both active in civic affairs, and they are frequent flyers to Texas to visit their three grandchildren.

Nancy Ball lives in Towson, Md., and has retired from teaching English at the high school and college level. She manages a high-end antiques trade show in the area. Living in Sacramento, Calif., **Joan Scarritt Reynolds** is retired from her first career and is deep into her second. She divorced some time ago and is now in partnership with her two sons renovating and redecorating various real estate properties. Her favorite hands-on charity and passion is Habitat for Humanity. Joan has participated in several Habitat construction projects and encourages all of us to get involved.

Dana Lee Dunn Walker writes that when her daughter **Lee Walker Shepherd '84** graduated from Mary Washington, Lee presented a very special gift to her mother. The gift was a Mary Washington class ring, inscribed with Dana Lee's maiden name and the year she would have graduated. Lee felt that her mother's help and encouragement during her years at Mary Washington earned her mother the right to own and proudly wear that precious ring. To this day, Dana Lee still wears the ring.

Nancy Seward Howard '60 and her husband own and manage a resort and restaurant on Upper Saranac Lake in upstate New York.

Karen's junior and senior year roommate, **Lucy Wu Wang**, from Hong Kong, China, had been on the "lost lamb" list for many years. We lost touch after her marriage in 1961. We contacted her sister, **Sylvia Wu Golden '62**, who told us that Lucy and Jimmy have a winter home in Palm Springs, Calif. So, we were able to make contact and catch up with her. She and Jimmy have lived in Huntington, W. Va., Hong Kong, Manila, the Philippines and Taipei, Taiwan, where Jimmy managed his family's textile business. Jimmy is retired now; they have one home in Shanghai, China, and spend winters in

Palm Springs. Jimmy and Lucy have three children and two grandchildren. Their eldest son, his wife and their two grandsons live in Shanghai; their youngest son and daughter live in the United States with their families.

Wilhelmina Harvey Burton Calhoun graduated from SUNY in 1960, got married, and had two children. She worked in computers at Stanford Research Institute and Honeywell. Her husband, Jim, worked with several telephone companies over the years in Long Island, Denver, Atlanta, San Francisco, Phoenix and Northern Virginia. Both retired early and live in Sandy Hook, Va., near Richmond. They have a son, a daughter, and three grandsons.

Lynn Murphy Mailloux Hochstein lives in Washington, D.C. She and Pierre had three creative children, all of whom ended up in graphics or interior design, and two grandchildren. After Pierre's death, she married Joseph Hochstein and lived in Israel for several years. When they divorced, she returned to the States and married Michael Johnson, a retired USMC fighter pilot. Lynn is in touch with **Pruney Cornell**.

For 12 years, **Nancy Seward Howard** and her husband have been owner/managers of an upstate New York Adirondack resort and restaurant on Upper Saranac Lake. It's obvious they enjoy what they're doing and love it there. Nancy says she talked to **Travey Moncure Evans** in New York City at a baby shower for Nancy's daughter, Amanda. Since then, Amanda delivered a baby boy, Solomon Kalichstein. Travey's news is that she was widowed two years ago, lives and works in New York City, and is loving life.

Jody had a great chat with **Marilyn Pardine** who is now Dr. Marilyn Pardine, receiving her degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. She practiced in Wilkes-Barre, and married an attorney who died three years ago. She is a surgeon, now practicing in Hawley, Pa., doing general and cosmetic surgery; she still finds time to provide school health examinations for two schools nearby. She is an accomplished oil painter and photographer; and her art and photographs have been a lucrative fundraising source for several of Marilyn's community and charitable interests. She also has published a book of poetry, a love story about her husband, and is working on a romantic adventure novel about – you guessed it – a female doctor.

Among those we were afraid we'd lost was **Ann Lurton Ott Scott**, who was found in Redmond, Wash., where she lives near her son. Although divorced and remarried, she still uses the name she has gone by for so many years. Lurton sent greetings to her old chums.

Nancy Rorabaugh wrote from Atlanta, where she has lived since 1976. She has worked as an advertising art director at various ad agencies for 30 years. Eleven years ago, she started teaching graphic design full time at the Art Institute of Atlanta. She often travels to Europe for both business and pleasure, lives with two cats and is trying to learn Italian. She is a season subscriber to both the symphony and the Atlanta Opera. Nancy, who is divorced, has two children and two grandchildren.

Lycie Wyatt Thornton Hatch was discovered in Orlando not far from Jody. Jody reports that Lycie, who remarried several years ago, and her husband own and manage their own interior design studio and are busy beautifying some of the really great homes going up around Orlando. Lycie's son is doing a residency at U.Va. Hospital. Lycie is in touch with **Suzanne Swann Moon**, who lives in Tallahassee. Both she and Suzanne finished their degrees at FSU. Lycie recently ran into **Betty Call Snead** and has also seen **Grace Marie Fisher Champ**.

Karen reported that **Jayne Linton Ely**, who lived across the hall in Betty Lewis, lives in Knoxville, Tenn. She has children by her first marriage. She and Myron were recently honored by the Knoxville Art Gallery.

Frances Walker Eldred reports a really diverse career path and has overcome a number of obstacles that would set others back permanently. She transferred from Mary Washington to Shenandoah Conservatory of Music and taught for a number of years. After divorcing and remarrying – with a variety of jobs in between – Fran, her husband and three children returned to Washington, Va., where they opened an antique business and cared for her aging parents until their deaths. While there, she served for 20 years as chief magistrate of the 20th Judicial District of Virginia. She also became involved in historical research – a Mary Washington professor had once predicted she had a real talent – and became a member of the board of directors of the Rappahannock Historical Society. Later, she and her husband conducted an authentic restoration of their seven-bedroom colonial home to its original state as an "ordinary," and they opened it as Mrs. Coxe's Tavern. A year later, her husband died unexpectedly, and she was forced to sell the inn. She is living with her daughter in a suburb of Charlotte, N.C., and is still an active consultant to the Rappahannock Historical Society. Fran recalls living in Randolph during her sophomore year and remembered the furniture. Some years later, at an antique sale, she came upon a dresser certified as coming from Mary Washington, which she purchased, and is now a part of her home furnishings.

Sue May Smythe Lam writes that her Willard Hall roommate was **Betty Burrus**. They were also roommates in Mason the next year, with **Pat Whittaker** and **Pat Mitchell** as suitemates. She also remembered pre-nursing friends, **Lu Omasta, Mel Pettit** and **Betsey Bailey**, who lived across the hall. **Nancy Cundiff Moir** lives in Midlothian, Va., and wrote that she and **Burkie Morgan Bland** occasionally have lunch together in Williamsburg.

FRANCES WALKER ELDRED '60 LIVED IN RANDOLPH SOPHOMORE YEAR. YEARS LATER, AT AN ANTIQUE SALE, SHE CAME UPON A DRESSER CERTIFIED AS COMING FROM MARY WASHINGTON, AND IT IS NOW PART OF HER HOME FURNISHINGS.

Karen's freshman roommate, **Betty Atkeson Salley**, also has surfaced. She attended Mary Washington one year, married George, and went to work so he could finish college. Betty then finished William & Mary in Norfolk. She was a stay-at-home mom for 17 years, "dusted off her chemistry degree," and managed a lab for 15 years. One of their sons was a Virginia state fencing champion. She and George sold their home in Gloucester, Va., bought a 41-foot steel ketch, and lived aboard for six years, sailing from the Bahamas to Maine. Three years ago, they began restoring a family farm in Tarboro, N.C., which has just been sold. They are now aboard their boat again, while their new home in Middlesex County, Va., is being built.

Pat Garvin Dyke sent news that **Patty Morgan Connolly** lives in Hartford, Conn., and loves her new job. Pat sees **Jane Choate Lorentz** several times a year at the Cape, where Jane and Pare have a summer home. Pat also reported that **Evalyn McCarty Boyd**, who transferred to U.Va. junior year for med tech, earned a master's degree in hematology and worked in the University of Georgia hospital lab for several years. She quit lab work to run her family's flower shop and to teach. In 2005 she retired, and is now enjoying her gardens. Evalyn has two sons.

Diane Hays Neuman and her husband, Gerry, have retired to suburban San Francisco and enjoy all the activities in their adult community. Gerry is a radio personality at KQED, the regional National Public Radio station. Diane gave us news of her sister, **Lynne Hays**. She didn't graduate from Mary Washington, but transferred to RPI, now VCU, in Richmond. She says her heart has stayed with us (and ours with you, too, Lynne).

Julie Riley Schauer reported from Cape Hatteras, N.C. After college, she was a social worker and attained her MSW while raising small children. Julie and her husband were in organic farming for 12 years, then moved to Cape Hatteras where they owned two barbecue restaurants. Widowed eight years ago, Julie, is retired, has two daughters and three grandchildren. She has stayed in close touch with **Sue Stanley Sokil**, in Chula Vista, Calif., who was also widowed recently, and with **Darlene Geer Cumberland** and **Lou Roth Helwig**, both of Gloucester, Va. Julie and Sue went adventuring together in Australia three years ago, and Julie planned to visit Hawaii this year.

Coleman McPherson Chambliss doesn't consider herself a lost lamb, just a "derelict" one. She attended Mary Washington for two years and loved it, returned to South Carolina and finished at the University of South Carolina. She married her U.S. Naval Academy beau, Jack, who stayed in the military for 20 years, retired and remained in the D.C. area for another 15 years, then retired again. They returned to Columbia, S.C., and have been there ever since. Her husband does "bodacious" volunteer work in community and church, and teaches criminal justice as a member of the USC adjunct faculty. Coleman has been executive director of the county bar association for about 12 years and plans to stay on, unless her "brain begins to fail faster than it is already." She has two daughters, four granddaughters and a springer spaniel.

Jan Rutan Wright made contact with us while searching for **Jean Eubanks Holland**. After living in Southern California for years, she moved to Maple Valley, Wash., near Seattle, five years ago, to be near her daughter and two granddaughters. Jan's husband had a severe stroke 10 years ago, and, other than part-time help, she has been his primary caregiver.

Karen and Darrell survived another season of round dancing in Mesa, and have made the transition from southwest Colorado, their summer home for six years, to their new summer home in Show Low, Ariz. They spent May beautifying their RV site with a brick patio and landscaping, and they spent June taking their sixth grandchild on her RV trip through the western national parks.

Jody writes, "Karen and I have been burning the midnight oil (and

the e-mail providers' servers), literally, on this class rejuvenation project. Two great things have come out of it: our wonderful new friendship, and the renewal of all of yours. We are planning periodic e-mail surveys and also 'SOS' (save our sanity) search requests, as we still need your help. Please note my [Jody's] brand new address, as I have moved into a cute new home and am deep into decorating, etc. I need all that bending and stretching, as Karen is putting me to shame by being so fit from all that round dancing. Although she laughs at me, I expect to see the Nelsons on TV someday, maybe in the Senior Amateurs Division of Championship Ballroom Dancing. Such a lot of talented, creative people are we."

Keep those cards and letters coming. If you haven't sent news lately, it's *your* turn. And if your e-mail, address or phone number has changed, please let us know.

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News is again sparse, but I hope to receive more from each of you for the next issue. Some very sad news came in from **Mary Lott Haglund** on the unexpected death in November of her younger sister, **Sherry Lott Thompson '64**, who attended Mary Washington for two years before transferring. Some of you may recall that during Mary's senior year, all three Lott sisters were students at Mary Washington. Mary's youngest sister, **Joanne Lott Byrne '65**, also has our sympathy, as well as **Anne Thompson Mendez '91**, Sherry's daughter. On a happier note, Mary and husband Dave have an added incentive to travel from their Texas home to North Carolina: Their first granddaughter, Elizabeth Waters, was born in October of last year. She lives in Charlotte with her parents, Todd and Collin. Mary and Dave are fortunate to have their two grandsons living near them in Houston with their parents, Ashley and Ben.

In October, I received a news-filled note from **Beverly Sulpice Persell**, regarding her attendance at the alumni conference. Other classmates who attended the conference were **Betsey Ellen Houston Hansen** and **Nancy Powell Sykes**. Beverly was particularly impressed with the new alumni center, which was added on to what we knew as "Trench Hill." She said the décor and new furnishings look like something out of the White House. Just a couple of other major changes in the works are the addition of a 400-space parking deck near Goolrick Hall and renovation and enlargement of Lee Hall. Additionally, a towering tribute to the memory of **Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59** has been made by her husband, John. An 88-foot bell tower will be located within the traffic circle near George Washington Hall. Construction was set to begin in June.

Donna Stevens Boyd has been busy babysitting for her grandson, Noah, who is now in school (Where has the time gone?). Noah enjoys riding with Donna on her scooter to his school when the weather is nice. **Joan Akers Rothgeb** and her family enjoyed a week at the beach last summer in Nags Head, N.C. Her granddaughter, Katie, called the ocean "the big pool." Joan has been in contact with **Donna Floyd Parker** and **Molly Buxton**.

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice of Washington, D.C., and her husband planned a January trip to Prague, Czech Republic. Marcia's ancestors came from a village there, Dsenice, and she hoped to learn more about them and the region. Marcia wrote that in August 2002 she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. She found this diagnosis very difficult to deal with emotionally and physically; she wondered if any of you know of someone dealing with this disease who is willing to share their story. She sent a picture of their dog, Austin, taken when he was named a champion in an October 2005 dog show. Austin has now retired from the "show circuit" and is happily siring litters of new champions. Their son, who resides in the Santa Monica, Calif. area, has resigned from a law firm to take up writing projects he has longed to do. Good for him – following his dream! Marcia and Ed enjoy living in Washington, and it helps that their daughter and her family live in nearby Montgomery County, Md. Their grandsons are 2 and 5. The older is in a highly selective French immersion program offered in Montgomery County.

Jane Walshe McCracken wrote that husband Jay was to retire Dec. 31, 2005. Jane is going into "semi-retirement," working two days a week. Jay had knee replacement surgery in August and has recovered to the point that he now accompanies Jane on her five-mile walks. Jane's other news related to their daughters and their children and activities, along with pictures of the six grandchildren. One daughter, Kelly, went with a church group to help out in Katrina-ravaged Mississippi in early November. Speaking of which, two of our classmates, Mary Lott Haglund and **Louise Dunn Fuqua**, who live in the impacted area, reported that they were OK, which was a relief.

Mary Coleman Arnold's son, David, is a full-time Ph.D. geography student at Va.Tech. He and Lauren Hynson of Richmond planned a July wedding. Mary's daughter, Frances, lives in Buffalo and is pursuing her Ph.D.

Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor sent a wonderful picture of her seven grandchildren. Barry is still involved in a clinical trial and is receiving chemotherapy treatments in Cleveland, Ohio. The Lisagors make the nine-hour trip from Fredericksburg to Cleveland as Barry's treatment dictates. Kathleen and Barry enjoyed big family gatherings last year. **Emily Lewis** and hubby Tony Andres planned a trip to California and Arizona to visit granddaughter Samantha and her parents,

Chilli is hot with D.C. listeners

If you went to Mary Washington in the early '90s and if you listen today to MIX 107.3 in the nation's capital, you may hear a familiar voice. That's because Chilli Amar, a longtime personality on the "The Jack Diamond Morning Show" and now a staple on Carson's show in the afternoon, is a Mary Washington alumna.

Don't go scanning for an Amar in your yearbook, though. You won't find her. That's just a radio name the 34-year-old entertainer uses to keep some sense of privacy. Amar, who is of Armenian descent, combined her high school nickname (Chilli) with the word for summer in her family's language (Amar) to develop the name.

Amar's radio career started during her Mary Washington days. For this 1994 English major who worked at *The Bullet* and Giant Productions, an early morning call to Q96 from Willard Hall opened the door to the radio business. The deejay at the time was running a contest to see who could identify a mystery sound, which happened to be a window being scraped.

"I ran out into the hallway to phone," Amar said. "I got through and guessed right."

While on hold, Amar told the deejay that she wanted to go into radio after school but nothing ever came of the conversation. As fate would have it, Amar ran into the same deejay later when he was hosting an event on campus. She went up to him and introduced herself, reminding him of their earlier conversation. Soon, she had an internship at Q96. "Because it was a small market, I was almost immediately able to go on the air," she said.

While that good fortune might be something many college students would envy, it came at a price. "I was getting up at obnoxious hours, going to the internship, coming back and doing schoolwork," Amar said.

Amar's efforts weren't for naught. Even though she had a post-graduate job at Prestige Cable, she decided the radio business was where she wanted to be. So she took a job at Fredericksburg's pop music institution, B101.5. But the native

Chilli Amar '94

Northern Virginian's sights were set much higher: to an on-air job in the highly competitive Washington, D.C., market. In 1996, she got her foot in the door with 630 WMAL, an AM station in Washington.

Amar was right. WMAL shared the same building with MIX 107.3, giving her an opportunity to meet people from the FM side of the radio dial. When her dream spot opened up on the Diamond Morning Show, she jumped. That job, too, came with a cost.

Amar spent 10 years waking up as early as 2:30 a.m. to go on the air. Not only was it taking a physical toll, but it was also destroying her social life. "You do that day in and day out, and it starts to wear on you," she said. "I was in a different time zone from everyone else."

Now Amar has the best of both worlds: a prime spot on one of the biggest stations in the Washington area and control of her own clock. She couldn't be happier. And she credits her Mary Washington education with giving her the basic skills to advance so far in her career. "I didn't take classes that prepared me for broadcasting," she said. "But I did everything I could do, including giving tours of campus, to be in front of big groups. I came out of my shell."

– Les Shaver '97

Chris and Eri, as well as friends. Emily, her sister, **Judith Lewis Clark '61**, and **Helen Alexion James** got together in November, back in Waynesboro, Va., where they went to school together. I had planned to attend, but had to cancel when we received an SOS from our daughter in California that they needed us to help them move from Huntington Beach to Long Beach. Jerry and I flew out and put in 12-hour days getting things back in place for our hard-working children. We both found muscles we'd forgotten we owned!

Other news from me is that this past Christmas, both of my sisters were with Jerry and me for the holidays. We had such a good time together. It is really nice when you like your relatives! Our son, also named Jerry, and his wife joined us for Christmas as well. I need to brag on son Jerry – he has had another poem published in a poetry journal. We travel to Richmond fairly often to visit our second daughter and her family. Jerry and our Richmond son-in-law had a magical fishing trip on the Outer Banks last November and brought home delicious tuna from the expedition. Jerry and I are planning a trip back to Italy to visit Rome and the Amalfi coast; hopefully it won't be quite as crowded as the summer months. Please send news to Pat or to me. The next deadline is August 1.

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Editor's Note: We regret that longtime Class Agent Frances Page Loftis died on May 30. These are notes she submitted earlier this year.

From Frances:

My hometown of South Boston figures in Mary Washington news. Dr. William Anderson, a high school classmate, is joining the ranks of retired and moving with his family to Hilton Head, S.C. His time as president of Mary Washington has been productive for the University.

Sandra Wainright of Richmond came to South Boston to be a judge in the Lions Club music contest. For the occasion, she wore an outfit she brought back from a recent trip to China. **Martha Coates** heads the genealogy department of the local museum and researches our area's history.

I am a retired foreign language teacher. However, I find myself busier than ever as I spent six years as regent of South Boston's Berryman Green Chapter of the DAR. Currently, I am chair of the Lions Club music contest.

From Betty:

Betsy Stanley Klein reports that her mother passed away St. Patrick's Day 2005; her mother drove herself to the grocery store the previous Friday. Betsy and husband Burns have renovated Betsy's mother's house and report that living on one level is much more convenient and comfortable. Besides, entertaining new grandson Ashton Nicholas Klein, who arrived in April of 2005, in their home is so much more fun!

Ruth Larson has been singing. Her church choir filled the Pikes Peak Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., twice last December with "Christmas Joy" music which included voices, hand bells, orchestra and the Colorado Children's Chorale.

C'mon classmates, we would like to see more news for the next issue of *UMW TODAY*. Send your notes to either one of us; our deadline is August 1.

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After living in Duluth, Ga., for six years, I moved back to Dunwoody where my husband and I lived for more than 21 years. Since my son is in the Navy in Virginia Beach, and my daughter is in San Francisco, I decided I needed to get back to my roots! Please e-mail me or write me with news of our class. We had a great start for the winter 2005 issue, but there are many of you out there who still haven't written with your updates ... get busy!

Martha Firebaugh Hurst and husband Gene traveled to Punta Cana with friends in February. By summertime she will have two more grandchildren and a new knee! **Linda Patterson Hamilton** clarified her marital status. She and her husband celebrated their 35th anniversary recently (they had divorced and re-married when the divorce didn't work out!). They spent Christmas in Las Vegas with their children, and they had a big family dinner one evening at DB Brasserie, the restaurant in the new Wynn Resort, where son Louis is sommelier. Their youngest son, Jeff, and his wife, Rachel, expect a child early this fall.

Sandy Byrum Smith graduated from U.Va. with a BSN. She teaches childbirth classes, volunteers with the Girl Scouts, cares for her 83-year-old mother, and dashes to Durham or Charlotte whenever possible to spend time with her grandchildren. She is busy at church and has traveled to the Canadian Rockies, Alaska, Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Glacier. They have two children, three grandchildren and another on the way. Her daughter has a semester of class work left on her Ph.D. and her son has his MBA.

LINDA PATTERSON HAMILTON '65 AND HER HUSBAND CELEBRATED THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY RECENTLY; THEY HAD DIVORCED AND RE-MARRIED WHEN THE DIVORCE DIDN'T WORK OUT!

Diane Copty Fadely and husband Milt have lived in Ellicott, Md., for 38 years. After retiring from a supervisory job with Harford County and two positions in the graduate school of Loyola College in Maryland, Diane is now a self-employed educational consultant for families with children and adolescents with special needs. She and Milt have two children and two grandchildren. Their son and his family are in Tokyo, and their daughter is a doctoral student in the clinical psychology program at Long Island University. They live in a new community designed for "active adults 55 and over" and are having a wonderful time meeting new friends and participating in a host of clubs and social events. They plan to go to Italy in October 2006.

Felicity Hallanan is a former photojournalist and radio newscaster who now is a writer. Most recently she has been a facilitator of a group of writers whose enthusiasm has led to publishing their own works and reading them in public. She enjoys singing with the 140-voice Northern Choral Society and is active in church. She spends time divided between the family home, Windy Hill Acres, and a lovely home shared with a friend at the edge of Lake Ontario. In 1965, **Janet Hess Hodes Bello** completed a BSN at U.Va. After graduation, she moved to Boston with classmate **Sue Miller** (now Susan Miller Briggs, M.D.) to work at Massachusetts General Hospital. While there, she met and married David Hodes and spent several years as a corporate wife. They finally settled in Atlanta, Ga. She has two sons: Steve, an Atlanta physician, and Todd, who lives in Berkley, Calif. and works in computer science. For many years, Janet was an active volunteer and tennis player. After she divorced, she went back to nursing. In 1997, she remarried and moved to Rhode Island. She and husband Joe live in a home overlooking Narragansett Bay. She has two granddaughters and two step-granddaughters.

Cathy Morrison Outland has been a widow since January 2002. She has three children and two grandchildren. She and **Faye Craft Hunter** share the same two grandchildren. **Murray Roberts Mux** is back in school, finally learning how to speak Spanish. Her younger son advised her not to tell anyone in her class that she's been married to a Guatemalan for more than 10 years but couldn't speak the language. In May, they went to Honduras as missionaries from their Episcopal Church to vaccinate animals and work in the elementary schools. In June, they planned to have their annual family reunion on the beach in Galveston. **Evie King Cox** and husband Herb should be in their new home by the time this issue hits the stands. They lived in a garage apartment waiting for the "big house" to be finished. Both of their mothers plan to live with them.

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Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann, our reunion coordinator, still thrives in Richmond, but has established a commuter route to Houston. Bobbi and her brother travel there frequently to help her mother; she adjusted well to assisted living but suffered a fall and subsequent medical complications. Bobbi's husband, Robert, has been very supportive at home, she said, and retirement is still very good for them both.

Sandra Hutchison Hoybach has moved her mother in with her in her Reston, Va., home. Sandy works full-time in a real estate settlement firm, so family shares in caring for her mother. Son Ricky, father of three, took his 4-year-old son on a business trip to Costa Rica to improve his Spanish and enjoy the beaches. Son Brandon lives in Croatia with his family; his third child was due in June, raising Sandy's total number of grandchildren to six. Daughter Amy took a half-year sabbatical from nursing in Jackson Hole, Wyo., for a temporary position in Sydney, Australia. Husband Shawn telecommutes, doing his computer work from Sydney.

Louise Leduc Zierzow, in Sandy Hook, Conn., enjoys the alumni news and is encouraged by all the positive changes and progress at UMW in recent years. She enthusiastically teaches middle school French and Spanish while husband Arthur commutes to Manhattan for work at United Neighborhood Houses of New York. Daughter Rachel and husband John, an engineer, live in Austin, where she works at the University of Texas Learning Center. Daughter Virginia and family live close by, and

Louise is involved with grandchildren Andrew, 7, and Susannah, 2. The extended family took a vacation on Mount Desert Island, Maine.

Susan Williams Rura was eager to rekindle friendships at our reunion. She and Frank live in Ellicott City, Md., where they garden. She is president of the local garden club, which specializes in charitable activities. Susan is engrossed in genealogy research, using the Mormon library and the SWEM library at William & Mary in Williamsburg. Daughter Deb, recently engaged, coordinates emergency rescues worldwide, so 2005 was a challenge. **Sue Worley Sprouse** of Madison Heights, Va., would like to get in touch with **Carolyn Richardson Shaw**.

Condolences to **Pat Lewars Pace** of Ashland, Va., whose husband, Jay, died in April, 2004, from peripheral vascular disease. They had a contract in hand to sell their Hanover County community newspaper, and Pat followed through with the sale. She helped the new owners make the transition, and then she retired in September. Last summer, she gained two granddaughters – a source of continuous joy. Son Chris and Kelly had Maggie; daughter Liz and Todd had Peyton. Pat is keeping her house on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and she visits **Muriel Haley Montgomery** and husband Bob in Manteo. **Alice Sann Moore Forry** lives with husband Fritz in Rhode Island; both are retired and spend the winter snow birding in their RV. Pat is eager to see everyone at our 40th!

Joan Scarritt Reynolds '60 counts Habitat for Humanity as her favorite hands-on charity and passion.

Carolyn Perry Grow and husband Dave of Keswick, Va., sold their condo on the Outer Banks. When they traveled to Normandy with a group of Penn State alumni, they found the French very cordial but Carolyn learned that her French needs refreshing: On her return, she took French at U.Va. In August, she and Dave took their annual vacation to Chatauqua, N.Y., where they visited cousins and Dave's 99-year-old aunt. They took their annual Christmas trip to Williamsburg. Carolyn volunteered at Monticello and an SPCA cat shelter in the fall. Carolyn stays involved in UMW programs and saw Madeleine Albright at the Fredericksburg Forum in October.

Kathleen Goddard Moss and Tom of Alexandria, Va., spent much of the summer remodeling their home. In family news: Ellen and Richard, plus Andrea and Alex, live and work in Spain; Tim, Janine and Jamie are in Los Gatos, Calif.; Joseph is in a challenging position promoting computer game competitions with the Global Gaming League in Los Angeles; Cheryl, a single mom in Dayton, Ohio, is a medical assistant at Wilberforce University; Dave and Lanita hosted Thanksgiving in their Cleveland home, where he manages a paint company and she supervises nurses' aides. After traveling to Spain, Kathy returned to work at Adoption Attachment Partners. Tom has cut back at the nursing home, so they have more time to play softball, fish, travel and enjoy their terrific grandchildren.

Eileen Goddard Albrigo of Falls Church, Va., works part time for husband John's restructured medical practice, of which he is president and chief financial officer. Her full-time work is devoted to her family, especially two new grandsons, Thomas and Braydon. Todd and Carrie have three boys; Kevin and Leigh have their first. Tom and Eileen shared their home with Todd's family while they were finishing their new house, so Eileen had maximum grandma hours during that time. Todd works for American Management Services producing software for the General Services Administration. Kevin works in Vienna, Va., with Virginia Commerce Bank. Daughter Liz, with her new master's degree in forensic psychology, works at the National Academies. With all their children and grandchildren close by, Eileen and Tom go back and forth between their Falls Church home, their "farm house" just outside suburban Virginia, and family gatherings in Hilton Head.

Anne Powell Young lives in Knoxville, Tenn. A local student at Mary Washington, she married Quantico Marine Virgil Young in 1968; they settled in Knoxville for his FBI career. They adopted two children, Matthew and Amanda. Matthew, an FBI analyst, lives in Springfield Va., with his wife and two boys. Amanda works for the Nature Conservancy near

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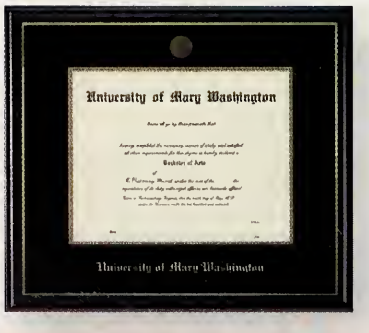

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Washington, D.C. Anne, whose hobby is collecting books, volunteered for years at a nursing home/retirement facility and now cares for her widowed mother at home. **Betty Birkhead Vickers** also married a Marine. Vic is an attorney in Sevierville, Tenn. Daughter Margaret Ann is an architect in Charleston S.C.; daughter Rebecca is a stay-at-home mom with son Jake in Los Angeles, Calif.; and son Ned, father of twin boys, is an attorney developer in Knoxville, Tenn. Betty, an economics major, compiled an impressive 12-volume work, *The Compendium: State and Regional Socio-Economic Data*, while she was state representative to the National Census Bureau in D.C.

Peggy Van Sant Crouch of Solomons, Md., and Mike "pinned" during college, but they lived separate lives until a few years ago when they reconnected and married! Peggy writes and submits grants for the arts in the D.C. area. **Liz Cline Williams** retired to Lexington, Va., with husband Smokey. Liz had been a lab technician since graduation, but now she volunteers at the YMCA teaching "body pump." Son Matthew lives in Austin, Texas; son Christopher serves with the armed forces in Baghdad. Liz's sister, **Connie Cline Buzkin '68**, and dentist husband Mitch live in Dumfries, Va. Liz and **Anne Powell Young** fondly reminisced about their roomie, **Louise Gurley Berger**, who succumbed several years ago to cancer. **Jo Anne Anthony** also died. Anne contacted her "avid feminist" friend, **Ambler Carter**, in West Chester, Pa. Ambler has enjoyed a career with the state securing medical care for the aged. Son John is studying finance in Florida; daughter Elizabeth is in New Mexico working on a self-design to establish a sustainable community in our "use-and-toss" society. Ambler's suitemate **Carolyn Kirkpatrick Fuhrmann** remained near Vienna, Austria, after a divorce. Another suitemate, **Mary Morris Kameya**, who had once chaperoned an orchestra group to Vienna, lives in Rochester Hills, Mich.

Dale Quel Woods and husband Clyde live in Dumfries, Va. Dale teaches fourth-grade and plans to retire. Daughter Lisa is an emergency nurse in San Francisco; daughter Sara is a social worker in Oakland. Both are single. Dale talked about attending the Napa Valley wedding last August of **Mary Ann Pyne White**'s son, Chris. Mary Ann's daughter, Courtney, and granddaughter Paisley live in New York City. **Ryan Stewart Davis** also attended Chris' wedding. Ryan continues to manage her own State Farm Insurance agency in Shelton, Wash., with her two children nearby. **Susan Bogese Wagner** joined the wedding party with her new husband, Les. Since their blended family includes six children, they had much to talk about. Anne and Dale recalled the Ann Carter Lee Ballroom mixers at Mary Washington and decided they should set some up for all the single "kids" among our classmates! Thank you, Anne, for providing so much news.

Hank and I maintain the status quo, keeping busy with the export licensing business and the activities of our still growing family. We welcomed our 20th grandchild in December, thinking she might be the last. Since then, however, bachelor son Stephen has announced his engagement to a lovely young lady from the Czech Republic, and a new chapter begins! Our blended family continues to thrive. I enjoy tutoring math, playing my cornet at church, sewing and knitting for family members and many other grandma activities. Thanks to all of you for your contributions to our class news. Keep it coming!

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Mary Diggs retired from administration in the Newark, N.J., public schools last July, she then traveled to California, Alaska, Florida, Mexico and Missouri. She lives in Pennsylvania, is getting involved in local and state politics, and is reading all those books that were put aside until now. She took screen-play writing at the University of the Arts; while there she stayed with **Donna Robinson Thomas** in her beautiful home in Philadelphia in the Society Hill district. Donna and husband Wayne have taken European and Asian cruises. **Irene Bartlette Lape** teaches on Long Island; her family includes many grandchildren.

Susan Spencer Collins finished medical technologist training at U.Va., married a medical student, then moved around the country while he was in residency and in the military. He worked in the Health, Education and Welfare building, and then spent a year working in Baltimore (he at PHS hospital and she at NIH.) They live in Birmingham, Ala., and have two married daughters. Daughter Catherine lives near them; Rebecca lives in Nashville and is preparing to become a physician assistant. No grandchildren yet. At 50, Sue retired from working at husband Mike's office; she sews heirloom clothes for everyone else's new grandchildren and sings in the Episcopal church choir. Sue hears from **Florence Bishop** and from the former **Bessie Gantsoudes**, a medical technologist Sue roomed with in Charlottesville. Bessie married a classmate of Sue's husband.

Susan Downs Ellerbrake loves her job as a vice president of finance of a credit union in Annapolis, Md.; retirement is about four years away. The best part of her life is 15-month-old grandson Ben, who lives nearby. She spent a few days with her son and his wife who live in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Nancy McDonald Legat and her husband of 39 years look forward to retirement in the next few years. They enjoy their three daughters, sons-in-law and seven grandchildren, ages 5 to 17. They also enjoy church and traveling. Nancy does calligraphy and watercolor painting. Dan reads history and does woodworking. Please send submissions for the winter issue of *TODAY* to me prior to August 1. Thanks.

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Hello everyone. I'm so pleased to have received some news to publish in this issue.

Ellen Grace Jaronczyk and her husband, Bob, did some traveling last fall then had family visiting for the Christmas holidays. In January, son Morgan and his wife, Lesley, had their first child, a boy. I see Ellen and Bob racking up many miles between Portsmouth and Fredericksburg visiting their newest grandchild.

After 31 years, **Conde Palmore Hopkins** and her husband, Hop, sold their home, built in 1887, and built a new home just two blocks away. Younger son Haden works with them in the family business, Trio Fasteners, in Ashland, Va. Older son Ryan and his wife, Liz, welcomed their second child, a girl, in January. Conde sees **Linda Holt Armstrong** each month, and once a year, Conde hosts Linda, **Barbara Burton Micou '69** and **Linda Gattis Shull '69** at her Nags Head cottage.

Alison Heartwell and her husband, Michael, reside in Fredericksburg where Alison works as a librarian.

Martha Veasey Sawyer shared wonderful Christmas stories in her New Year's letter. Her Christmas tree, she wrote, is a memorial each year to friends, family and cherished life events. Martha and her husband, Roger, spent their wedding night at The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, Va., and last year she finally obtained an ornament of the hotel for her tree.

Barbara Forgione Tansey works part time at Ethan Allen as a design consultant; husband Bruce is a senior tax advisor with H&R Block. Last summer, they enjoyed outings on their boat; in the fall they took a trip to Nashville with eight couples from the Retired Military Club and attended the 80th birthday celebration of the Grand Ole Opry. They spent Christmas in Virginia with their daughter, Lisa, and her husband, Eric.

Proud, new grandmother **Gaye Gregory Elliott** sent a photograph of herself with her 6-month-old grandson, and she was positively beaming! "Now we know why grandparents smile a lot," she wrote.

Ted and I drove to Florida in August for my parents' birthdays, and we stopped in Alabama to visit with Ted's youngest son, Doug, a professor at Jacksonville State University. In September we visited my aunts and uncle in Pennsylvania, and Ted's daughter, eldest son and their families in Northern Virginia. Our Christmas gift to each other was a stay at the Inn on the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C. We enjoyed the "rooftop tour" of the estate house during the day and the "candlelight tour" at night. It was magical and beautifully decorated. Our plan this year is to spend more time at home and less on the road!

Please send me your news because I know that we all love to hear about each other's lives.

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Hello and happy 2006 to all of you.

As always, it was a lovely Christmas surprise to get the news from **Sherrie Mitchell Boone** and **Terri Hall Alford**. Both ladies wrote glowingly about major house renovations over the past year, are quite pleased with the results, and are glad to have the work behind them. The two are enjoying their families as well. Sherrie was blessed with her first grandchild, Anna Raleigh Reid, born

in October to daughter Leighanne and son-in-law Scott. Her son, Troy, studies philosophy at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore. Sherrie and John went to Jamaica and lounged in a hot tub while the eye of Hurricane Dennis passed over them – now Sherrie has a hot tub in her backyard. Terri and Marty still lead a very active role in politics with their jobs.

Terri enjoys trips to Nevada to see daughter Michelle, son-in-law Chris and grandson Alex, 2. Michelle is human resources manager for Park Cattle Company which owns much of the Lake Tahoe property. Daughter Mary Beth, who completed her master's degree in gerontology at VCU, lives close to Richmond with husband Michael; she is activities director at a senior living facility.

Betsy Flynn Labar '73 works full-time at Belmont, Gari Melchers Home and Studio, near Fredericksburg. Her husband, Terry, retired from the FBI, and they have two sons.

We enjoy visiting **Cheryl Prietz Childress** and husband Dave near Richmond and having them come to Baltimore. Their son, Alex, lives in Radford and plans to change jobs. Daughter Thea is an active teenager and was awaiting answers to college applications. Cheryl plans to leave her librarian position at Collegiate after Thea graduates. The farm, the animals and riding keep this family busy, but Dave and Cheryl also have taken up Colonial reenactment so one never knows where they will be off to next. We hope to spend time with them when Dave comes to Annapolis to pick up a new boat he will buy.

Dennis and I are fine in Baltimore. No big trips for now, but we had small ones in Philadelphia and Williamsburg, and we attended a family wedding at the lovely Belmont estate, where it was a pleasure to see Betsy Flynn Labar. Dennis hopes for a job transfer soon; my law firm, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, grows larger with every Class Notes submission. We're always getting some new office in a foreign country. We've had some work done on our house, but the biggest contribution soon will be my creation of a large quilted wall hanging to grace our home.

That's it for now but as always, my best wishes. I look forward to hearing from you again by Aug. 1 for the winter issue of *TODAY*.

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The last time we submitted Class Notes news for *UMW TODAY* was in summer 2004. I really believed once I retired I would have more time to keep up with all of you as your class agent. However, it seems I'm as busy as ever, and you must be equally busy, as I haven't heard from but a handful of you. Please check out my new e-mail address above and send me news.

Coronado still stands as our lovely homestead, inspiring me to get out and play tennis; I won a national team championship in senior women's doubles in 2005. My husband, Bruce, had his second book, which is on the naval history of Hampton Roads, published in October. Daughter Terri relocated to London in June of 2004 and is an international business strategy consultant for Deloitte (with more stamps on her passport than all of us combined). Daughter Kelly is a marketing manager for BMC Software in the Bay Area while working on her MBA at Santa Clara University. She competes in triathlons; last year she biked 585 miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles in a six-day AIDS-research benefit.

Bruce and I flew to England and Finland in August; for Christmas, the family – boyfriends included – flew to Zurich, Switzerland, and both young

Fiscally and physically fit

Weighing in at 125 pounds, **Brian Whitacre '98** was hardly the beefiest student in James Wood High School's strength-training class in Winchester, Va.

"A lot of the girls in that class were stronger than me at the bench press," recalled Whitacre, who's 5 feet 9 inches tall.

But he enjoyed the workouts, particularly the stress relief they provided, and when he began attending what was then Mary Washington College, Whitacre made a habit of hitting Goolrick Gym.

Whitacre, now a university economics professor, is still not the biggest guy in the weight room. But when he sheds his professorial air and flexes his muscles at natural bodybuilding competitions, he gets plenty of notice.

The 30-year-old competed in six amateur contests last year, capturing the coveted "overall" title in five of them. Now competing on the pro circuit, Whitacre has been featured in several magazines, including *Muscle & Fitness* and *Natural Bodybuilding & Fitness*.

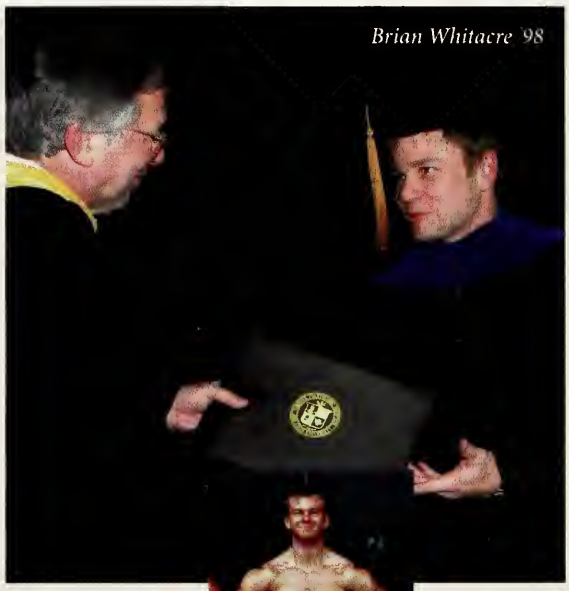
When he's not working on his physique, Whitacre is dealing with fiscal matters. He recently earned his doctorate in agricultural economics from Virginia Tech, and began working as an assistant professor at Oklahoma State in June.

As an undergraduate, Whitacre said he and his roommates had an ulterior motive for working out – a way to socialize and decompress after class.

"I didn't even know there was such a thing as competitive natural bodybuilding," he said.

After graduating from Mary Washington with degrees in math and economics, Whitacre served three years in the Navy at Dahlgren before heading to Virginia Tech for graduate school. There, he met competitive bodybuilders who introduced him to the sport.

Natural bodybuilders are prohibited from using steroids or other muscle enhancers. Before each contest, Whitacre and other competitors must pass a polygraph. And winners undergo a urine test afterward, he said.



Brian Whitacre '98

"A lot of people, when they think of bodybuilding, they think of guys on steroids, of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mr. Olympia," Whitacre said. "People in natural bodybuilding competitions take a lot of pride in being natural."

Though contests are held all year long, the "season" for Whitacre generally runs from April to August. Normally 190 pounds, Whitacre slims down to about 165 by lifting weights for about an hour each day, running or walking to burn off fat, and restricting his fat intake, "which means not eating anything that tastes good, like pizza and burgers."

"For basically half a year, I eat egg whites, chicken and tuna fish," he said. "You really have to watch what you put in your system."

Wife **Jill Stecher Whitacre '00** is supportive but draws the line at dulling down her own food, he said.

"She's not a competitive bodybuilder, but she puts up with it," Brian said.

Ben Phelps has known Whitacre since preschool, and the two roomed together at Mary Washington. Phelps, a soccer player in college, said his own workout routine "pales in comparison" to Whitacre's strict regimen.

"It takes more discipline and hard work than any team sport or individual sport," said Phelps, who graduated in 1998 with a bachelor's in business. "People think it's about these huge guys taking steroids, meatheads. It's really more about being lean."

Contestants are divided into light, middle and heavyweight classes and then judged based on muscle definition and body symmetry, Whitacre said. A muscular upper body coupled with a spindly pair of legs isn't going to cut it, he said.

"You can't just go in and bench press all week," he said.

Judges also pick one overall winner, whose physique is impressive enough to cut across weight classes. Whitacre, a light and middle weight contender, earned that top spot five times last year.

Phelps, who lives in Winchester, said he's excited about his buddy's competitive and professional future.

"This guy will do anything he sets his mind to," he said. "He wants to be the best person he can be all the time."

– Edie Gross
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men surprised parents and girls with two engagements. 2007 will be an expensive year with two weddings.

Dale Cole Carter and **Robin Rucker Sullivan '74** stay in close touch. Dale is IT manager of decision support at the University of Notre Dame. Dave is with Price Waterhouse in Chicago; Chris is teaching high school south of Memphis; Rachel started a job in Minneapolis in January.

Susan V. Poats has lived and worked in Ecuador for 15 years. She recently finished an eight-year project on watershed management in the northern highlands, very near the Columbian border. She has helped a local, self-educated historian from the town of El Angel, Carchi, to publish the history of his homeland, Canton Espejo in the Carchi province. This reminded Susan of her education at Mary Washington, her Spanish classes, and the way local history seeped in.

Both of **Susie Baril Bourne**'s children are married. Christyne works for Spriggs and Hollingworth in D.C.; Erin works for Ryan Homes in Greenville, S.C.

Please keep in touch. It is so easy to do so these days via e-mail or, send news via snail mail. Deadline to me for the winter issue of *TODAY* is August 1.

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I can't believe it's been a year since our class celebrated its 30-year anniversary! I continue to enjoy retirement in sunny southern California. My husband, Gene, and I both have Amgen to thank for our joint retirement bliss! Our son, Ian, was a professional golfer after college; now he is in Albuquerque, N.M., as logistics manager for a company that provides contract dental services at military bases around the country. Daughter Taylor, a high school freshman who's really into tennis, is counting the days until she gets her driver's license.

We send our sincere condolences to **Deborah Relyea Johnson**, who lost her husband, and to **Catherine Trenis Allis**, who lost her father.

Be sure to keep an eye for my reminder postcard this summer asking for news for the winter issue of *UMW TODAY*. Keep in touch – it would be great for all of us to hear from you!

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Hi fellow classmates. The only news I received was from **Ron Napier**, and it was all good. In March 2006, the General Assembly of Virginia elected Ron as a juvenile and domestic relations judge for the 26th Judicial District, with a term beginning July 1, 2006. Ron planned to lead a Rotary group study exchange to Finland in May for a four-week vocational and cultural exchange. The program allows business and professional leaders to witness and experience their vocations in another culture. Ron and his wife, **Katherine Pritchard Napier '78**, have a son, Andrew Lewis Napier, who is a third-year theater major at UMW. A double legacy! Thanks Ron for the update. You've done us proud!

Our year has been a little sparse in the Class Notes department lately. Whether it's good or sad news, we want to hear it. Deadline to me for the winter issue is August 1. Thanks.

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Last year, **Karen Peterson Dahmer** and husband Carl celebrated their 25th anniversary relaxing in the Florida Keys. Their big news is that Carl has accepted a new position at General Motors that will take him, along with Karen and youngest daughter Ali, to Melbourne, Australia. Son Stephen is at Spring Arbor University in Michigan, and daughter Kirstin attends Syracuse University in New York.

Ann Thomas Schluederberg married Jerry Koontz on Dec. 30, 2005. Daughter Jessica will graduate soon from the University of Arizona, and son Bret attends the University of Puget Sound. Congratulations, Ann Koontz – we wish you all the happiness in the world!

The "Friends of Dance" at UMW, along with Jean Hunt and Janet Wishner, collaborated to celebrate the life of former dance teacher and friend, Sonja Dragomanovic Haydar. "Remembering Sonja: A Dance Tribute" to honor the native of Croatia who devoted her life to classical ballet was held March 12, 2006, in Ann Carter Lee Ballroom. Colleagues and neighbors gathered to remember and celebrate the multi-talented, multi-lingual teacher who also was a world traveler, prima ballerina, choreographer and professor emeritus. Alumni, faculty members and dancers from Fredericksburg, Richmond and Washington, D.C., participated in the event that included performances by the UMW Performing Arts Club, Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre, Avery Ballet, Kaye Weinstein Gary, Dance Matrix and the Sacred Dance Ensemble of Fredericksburg. Dear Sonja, we will miss you.

Jocelyn Piccone '86 got a big promotion – she is the chief operating officer for Wright State Physicians in Dayton, Ohio.

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Susan Curtis opened an art and antique gallery in Snow Hill, Md., just outside of Ocean City. The store provides framing and also carries some high end architectural products for new and remodeled homes. Susan has her office at the store, and she still writes life and health insurance, specializing in retirement planning. Son Christopher is at Lynchburg College playing lacrosse; son Curt is off to college. He is completing his Eagle Scout project while serving as class president for the fourth year.

From **Lynda Richardson** comes news that she planned to compete with 19 other top professional photographers from around the country in the first ever "Pro-Tour of Nature Photography" to take place in Texas, mid-March through April. Each photographer was to be assigned a ranch in the hill country of Texas and spend April shooting wildlife there. The winner, based on judging of portfolios of photos, will receive around $80,000 to be divided with the rancher. Lynda also is working on a book to celebrate the centennial of Mary Washington and is enjoying the heck out of it. "Photographing the women's lacrosse team brought back great memories. I wanted to grab a stick and go out there and play with the team," she said. Lynda was eager for Reunion Weekend, which she anticipated being "a blast."

I retired from the Navy in January. Four Mary Washington grads attended my retirement ceremony – my roommate **Bridget Meaney Weaver** from Alexandria, Va., **Jenny Sharp-Warthan** and husband Danny from Newport News, Va., **Tara Corrigall '82** from Atlanta, and **Beth Ferrell Wargo**, who lives here in San Diego.

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Thank you fellow classmates for your updates.

On Jan. 4, 2006, **Jenifer Blair** began her new job as University of Baltimore's associate vice provost for enrollment management. With a five-mile commute, she is sure to enjoy her new responsibilities. **Cinda Sheehan Haas** stays busy assisting with special education in the public schools while dreaming of that vacation cottage in Maine. Husband Eric works as a government contractor and continues to serve in the Navy Reserves. Their oldest, Lindsay, is enjoying the University of Notre Dame; their high school junior, Evan, is putting his college lists together; and their high school freshman, Alison, stays busy with sports and music.

Carol Gillespie Guerin said she and college sweetheart Ken celebrated 23 years of marriage in May. Daughter Danielle is a freshman at Longwood University, Carolyn is a high school junior and budding poet/actress and little sister, Jessica, is a high school freshman and champion cross-country runner. After 20 years as a legal assistant, Carol used her Mary Washington degree to take advantage of the "Career Switchers Program" for the state of Virginia and become a teacher. Using her legal experience, she has now taught legal systems for high school law classes for six years. With one in college and two to go, Carol has enjoyed encouraging her kids to attend our alma mater.

Chris Quasebarth, an assistant prosecuting attorney in West Virginia, lives in Winchester, Va., with his wife of 23 years, Brenda. Daughter Elexa graduated from U.Va. in May 2005; Dashiell attends Virginia Tech; and Jasper is in 10th grade. Chris stays active teaching yoga classes and biking.

Lisa Blais Thurman sent a great photo card of her kids: Caly, a junior at the University of North Florida; Jay, a plebe at the Naval Academy; and Julie, an eighth-grader. Lisa has a successful career with Creative Memories, and husband Pat teaches Navy Junior ROTC. **Betsy Rohaly Smoot** and husband Andy celebrated their second wedding anniversary in January. They are still unpacking from a recent move, and Andy looks forward to early retirement in 2007. **Cynthia Nash Brazell** lives with her family in Wichita and is a physician specializing in family medicine. She set up a clinic with a local crisis pregnancy center, she continues to volunteer at another center, and she home schools her boys, ages 10, 7 and 5. She teaches Sunday school and serves on church committees. Husband Greg is a mechanical engineer who stays active with church and scouting. **Donna DeAlto Stacia** and husband Bill are still in Hawaii, but they will be moving to the "surfing capital" of Great Britain – Cornwall – later this year. I am not sure what Bill's Navy assignment will be, but I am sure Donna will enjoy working in her gardens – the plants certainly will differ from those in Hawaii – and running in the English countryside.

Vicki Haynes Morris wrote from Wisconsin about her children: Taylor, a 10th-grader, is working on his driver's license; Evan, a seventh-grader, plays both the trombone and the piano. Husband Rick's job took him abroad this year, and he really enjoyed China. Vicki stays busy with a part-time job, Sudoku puzzles and bonding with their new puppy, Melvin. **Debbie Snyder Barker**, my roommate all four years, stays busy driving kids around, but – like Vicki – also is coaching a future driver. Son Sam is a junior in high school and managing editor of the school newspaper; Chip is in eighth grade and, like his brother, enjoys lacrosse and golf. Cheerleader daughter Leah is in sixth grade.

I stay busy in Atlanta with work and enjoy time with my sister, **Mona Corrigall Filchock '84**, and her children. In January, I attended the retirement ceremony of **Lori Foster Turley '81**. Lori retired as a Navy captain and is looking forward to some relaxation time with husband Craig, a Navy captain, and her kids, Brian and Megan. The ceremony was very special, and I also enjoyed spending time with two of her classmates, **Jenny Sharp-Warthan '81** and **Bridget Meaney Weaver '81**.

Mark your calendars now for our 25th reunion, the first weekend in June 2007.

That is all from Atlanta. Keep in touch.

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Claire Kelly spent last fall doing a part-time internship at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., as part of her master's program. She received her master's degree in arts management from George Mason University in January and is busy gearing up for the July reopening of the National Portrait Gallery where she's been for the last 21 years. Claire spends her spare time working on her house in Alexandria.

Susan Leavitt '83 is a Realtor who has most of her deals sealed by Karen Day '83, who now has her own title company – Absolute Title.

Jane Thompson writes for the first time about her life since graduation: She was a television producer/director in educational television for eight years for the Fairfax County Public Schools. Then, in 1991, she quit her job, got married and moved to northern California. Divorced in 1994, Jane changed careers and worked for five years for Sega of America, a video game company, as the director of licensing and acquisitions. During this time she also performed in several operas, sang in recitals, directed shows, etc. She quit her corporate job in 2001 to focus on becoming a full-time musician. The last four years, Jane has been teaching Kodály music to elementary school children and conducting three children's choruses and one adult chorus. She also teaches voice for the Community School of Music and Arts in Mountain View, Calif., and the Alameda School of Music. Living in San Francisco, she will solo as a vocalist in the St. Paul's Oratorio for the San Francisco City Chorus in November.

Ramiro Wong moved from Guatemala back to Panama after 17 years. He and wife Betty – who had her own clothing shop in Panama – opened a store called "Fashion Trends Panama" which sells women's silk clothing designed in New York and manufactured in China. Son Ramiro, 10, is a fifth-grade honor roll student; and daughter Daniela, 6, is a first-grade honor roll student. In Panama, Ramiro is searching for new projects in computer development for banking applications.

Mary Ann Mayer writes that her inn, The Mount Washington B&B in Shelburne, N.H., won *Arrington's Inn Traveler's* "best for outdoor sports enthusiasts" for 2006, winning for the second year in that category. In 2003, they won for "most perfect stay," and in 2002 they won "best in the North." Mary Ann loves inn-keeping and uses her psychology major quite a bit in marketing and in customer relations.

Kitty Hahn-Campanella says she and her family left Winchester, Va., where they lived for four years, for Hilton Head Island, S.C. They can't believe their good fortune with this move to a dream location. Kitty is pastor at Faith Presbyterian Church in Rincon, Ga., and she volunteers at their children's school and with Heroes on Horseback, a riding program for persons with disabilities. Husband Bruce is the director for the call center at Gulfstream Aeronautics in Savannah and enjoys many hours of playing roller hockey with sons Parker, 12, and Aaron, 10.

Big changes have occurred for **Laurie Thompson Surles** over the past few years. Her mother passed away in March 2002, and her father passed away in August that same year. After her father's death, she began a graduate program at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Education. In May 2005, Laurie received a master's degree in education in curriculum and instruction with a focus in instructional technology; **Carolyn West Jones** attended the commencement ceremony. Since 2002, Laurie has been an instructional technology integrator for Chesterfield County Public Schools working with teachers and students to infuse technology into the curriculum. Son Matthew is a senior in high school. The family visited Mary Washington's lovely campus, and though there were changes throughout, Laurie says it was a blast to show Matthew around her alma mater. Daughter Madeline is a freshman in high school.

Donna Novak Zuna writes that after graduation she taught elementary school for 10 years. First child, Emilee, arrived in 1994, and Donna became a stay-at-home mom and helped her husband in his business as a building contractor. At age 40, in 2001, Donna had son Matthew, and he's kept her on the go ever since. After being off 10 years to raise her children, Donna returned to teaching first grade. Emilee, almost 12, plays travel soccer; Matthew, almost 5 and constantly full of energy, likes to skateboard with his dad on the huge half-pipe they built in their backyard. Watch out Tony Hawk! Donna sings backup and harmony with a friend who recently recorded a contemporary Christian CD. They were fortunate to have *Today Show* Superstar winner Anthony Campbell sing with them on the CD.

Donna's sister, **Nancy Novak Riester '81**, teaches high school math in Maryland. Her two boys are in college: PJ is a junior at the Naval Academy; Ben is a sophomore at Villanova. Donna's other sister, **Karen Novak Gilmore '85**, has a busy life with two girls – Haley, 16, and Katie, 13 – and 9-year-old twin boys, Brian and Chris.

Muffin Williamson Wilson writes that she accompanied husband Steve on a business trip to Atlanta where she visited old friends and neighbors she had not seen since 1999. Son Spence, in seventh grade, plays basketball and had a great football season with his dad as coach. Daughter Natalie, in second grade, takes piano and jazz lessons. Muffin plans to serve as a substitute at Natalie's elementary school one or two days a week.

Muffin gets together regularly with **Sharon Robertson Williamson**. Muffin and daughter Natalie occasionally spend the night at Sharon's house in Richmond while Brian, Sharon's husband, plays host and chauffeur. Sharon's children are now 11 and 9. Daughter Shelby is in middle school and is heavily into cheerleading, Son Hunter is in fourth grade and into swimming, gaming and playing with the neighborhood kids as much as he can. Sharon works at the corporate headquarters for Circuit City. Husband Brian works at AMF Bowling as a mechanical engineer.

Danette Stormont Drew and her husband, Bill, both work for EPA. Recently promoted to senior scientist, Danette does human health risk assessments for exposures to pesticides. Their boys – Taylor, 17, and Cameron, 12 – continue to do well and are going through two firsts: teen-driver's license and a girlfriend. Last summer, the family spent a week on St. George Island, Fla., for a family reunion. This spring, Danette planned to attend the Guinea Fowl Breeders Association Convention in Nashville, Tenn. Danette and her husband raise free-range guinea fowl, which clean up weeds, ticks and other bugs on their six acres. The guineas are pets, not food (they do eat the eggs, though), and are good watch birds, making a terrible noise when anyone or anything – real or imagined – comes on the property.

Although **Margaret Bell Synan** has lived in Fredericksburg off and on for 26 years, she plans to move to Baltimore this year to be closer to relatives. Daughter Meghan, 12, already attends school there;

she won first place at her school in a Random House book contest. Margaret writes that when she was in school she wanted to be an artist, writer and teacher, and she has been indirectly involved in those endeavors in her work at FedEx Kinko's and as a Washington D.C., tour guide.

Teresa Childers Petersen and husband Mark celebrated 16 years of marriage in a cabin on the south rim of the Grand Canyon; they also visited Lake Hartwell last summer. Mark is writing a novel, part of a planned trilogy. Teresa is still working for Kimberly Clark in the analytical lab. **Lisa Harris Coleman** still works for the SAIC, supporting the climate services branch at NASA. Her daughters are into violin, guitar and ice skating. Lisa visited with former roommate **Kathy Walters Along** in their new home in Melbourne, Fla.

Ann-Marie Clark Lockhart writes that her kids are in fourth and first grade. Ann-Marie and her husband celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary by taking the kids to the Abaco Islands in the Bahamas where they rented a house, a boat, and a golf cart for a week of fun in the sun and on the sea! Ann-Marie also recently took a trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to celebrate a milestone birthday with a two-hour horseback mountain trail ride. Ann-Marie says that **Martha Newcombe Reed**'s twin girls just turned 1.

Ann Torralbas Cocke is principal of Sealston Elementary School in King George, Va.. Ann is married to Tom Cocke. They have two boys – Thomas, 16, and Steven, 12 – who keep them busy. **Glenn Bell** just returned from his sixth church mission trip to Honduras. Glenn received a promotion at Delta and is now a program manager. Glenn sees **John Middlebrook**, **Richard Zubyk** and **Greg Taylor** when they take their annual tour of disc golf courses around Atlanta.

Laura Wong Dolloff moved into a new home last July, and a day after completing the landscaping, her husband got an offer for a job transfer with his employer, Boeing. The new job is in St. Louis, Mo., Mike's hometown and Laura's birthplace! They always wanted to move back, so now they are settled in southwest Illinois, about 40 minutes from St. Louis Their girls, Kaylee, 6, and Lauren, 4, are keeping busy with school, gymnastics, ballet, Girl Scouts, etc. Laura hopes that this will be their last move for a long time.

Last summer, **Kathie Enfield Jerow**'s family played host to three young French students. They were all here to improve their English skills; however, both Kathie and her daughter enjoyed honing their French skills as well! The visits were such a success that their daughter, Shelby, has been invited to Paris this summer to spend time with one of the students and will travel with the family to Greece. Kathie is now working with a Paris-based organization called LEC, which seeks out families to host students from France.

Former roomies **Sharon Arnold** and **Judith Sweetman Gwynn** met at the Mary Washington bookstore to shop for dwindling supplies of MWC memorabilia during the Freshman Preview weekend in July 2005. They caught up with each other's busy lives over lunch at Sammy T's followed by dessert at Carl's. Some things remain the same! **Andrea Kocolis Horning** is with the Spotsylvania County Planning Department, which has hired four Mary Washington graduates. Husband Neil is at the Pentagon, promoted to colonel and now Marine Corps branch head for Homeland Defense/Security. The family has bought a camper and takes it out two weekends a month.

Scott Harris is director of New Market Battlefield. Last April, the Washington D.C.-based Civil War Preservation Trust presented the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park with its Civil War Discovery Trail Site of the Year Award at a ceremony in Chantilly, Va. The Park is an active member of the Trust, which promotes preservation and interpretation of Civil War sites throughout the country. The Site of the Year Award, given annually to one of 500 Civil War Discovery Trail sites in 28 states, recognizes the Park's "extraordinary dedication to protecting America's Civil War heritage." Congratulations to Scott!

Kevin Bosen and wife Cynthia just moved into a new home in Spotsylvania. Kevin works for a federal government contractor. He performs "information assurance" work – also known as computer security – and is a certified professional in the field.

Carter Still Sonders said she and husband Steven took a trip to beautiful Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. They traveled with two other couples from Williamsburg and had a wonderful time. Sons Christopher and Matthew are in third and first grade and are busy playing baseball, singing in the church choir and participating in Cub Scouts. Carter still works part time as a major gifts officer for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and is busy raising money for the big 400th commemoration in 2007. Carter encourages everyone to make a visit to Jamestown Settlement in 2007 (or before) to see all of the exciting changes underway.

Wedding bells rang on June 3, 2006 for **Kathleen Hamilton** and Harry Gerwien. Kathleen says she has inherited a cat, five grown children and four wonderful grandchildren as a result of the marriage. Kathleen continues to work as a manager for USAA. Harry is a photojournalist for Military Newspapers of Virginia. They both enjoy running, traveling and visiting the beach.

Susan Leavitt is still working hard in real estate; most of her deals are settled through **Karen Day**, who now has her own title company – Absolute Title. Susan is traveling quite a bit (Paris, Toulouse, Italy twice, San Francisco, Martha's Vineyard and the Cayman Islands). She traveled to Cayman with **Monica Rastallis Cashin**. Susan encourages fellow alums to give more than $2,008 to the school each year, if possible – some of the benefits include big events with nice dinners sometimes held in the beautiful Jepson Alumni Executive Center, speeches with notables (Madeleine Albright), and it gives you an excuse to come back to see what is new in Fredericksburg!!

Kathy Walters Along and **Lisa Harris Coleman** got together one summer when Kathy and hubby Ken and daughters Kate and Erin went to Disney. Kathy is enjoying life on Florida's east coast. Gina, 11, and Joseph, 8, got hooked on shell hunting. **Kim Clautice Badgett** ran her first 15k and came in eighth in her age group. Way to go, Kim! Kim says they survived more hurricanes with just a moat around their yard.

Finally, here's my big news: In December, I began a full-time job as director of physician practice management for Baptist Community Health Services. I manage the hospital's employed physicians and their practices, and I am involved from the ground up in strategic planning, policy initiatives and re-engineering the practices. I am still training three days a week for duathlons with weight-lifting, biking on my new racing bike and iron yoga (don't even ask!). The boys are all growing quickly, with the oldest starting to drive, the middle one with his first girlfriend, and the youngest trying to get a word in edgewise at the dinner table (which is not usually a problem since he won first in the region for speech with solo acting). Hubby Tom is doing well.

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Hi from Auby J.! Hopefully, by the time you read this **Dan Wolfe** and I will have gotten together for a little racquetball. I just started a year-long program in animal acupuncture and veterinary medicine, and I continue to work on my book that I hope to have published this year. I hope I've piqued your interest; more literary news to follow.

Lee Walker Shepherd writes that Mary Washington was truly the best balance and was part of why she did not limit, but diversified, her interests as an artist. Professor Joe Di Bella provided a foundation of encouragement and support that spanned her 20-plus year (and still going strong) career. Lecturing several times at Mary Washington gave Lee an opportunity to share her experiences and stress the importance of a fine art foundation. After serving as an art director in the toy, motion picture and advertising industries, Lee has come full circle, balancing now fine art, motherhood, Walker-Shepherd Studios and Indigo Cookbooks. For a time, she owned a downtown Norfolk art gallery, but found she was spread too thin. Taking the studio home was best for husband Jack, children Craig, 11, and Dana, 8, and – ultimately – for her. The demand for Lee's commercial photography, illustration and graphic design had increased, so it has been important for her to strike a balance between motherhood and career. The most valuable lessons, life experiences and fabulous material come from the mouths of her children, said Lee, who also has written and illustrated a children's book, *Safari Alphabet*. The proceeds go directly to the Norfolk SPCA, and it is available as a fund-raiser to all shelters and SPCAs across the country.

In addition to relating her activities, Lee mentioned a very special memory she made for her mother, **Dana Lee Dunn Walker '60**, who attended Mary Washington but never graduated. The memory was in the form of a gift – a Mary Washington class ring – inscribed with Dana Lee's maiden name and the year she would have graduated from Mary Washington. Lee felt that her mother's help and encouragement to her during her years at Mary Washington earned her mother the right to own and proudly wear that precious ring. Lee said, "She is an incredible woman and obviously, the reason I attended Mary Washington."

OK, fellow classmates, I'm sure there are many of you who have news to share and would like to see it published in Class Notes. Please write because we're all interested in each other's good times as well as the sad. Contact me so that I can have something to publish in the next issue. Deadline to me is August 2006. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Mary Blair Davenport and husband Dan, who reside in Boulder City, Nev., spent their fall in the New Orleans area helping to rescue and restore museum collections damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Donna Metzger Lantagne obtained her real estate broker's license and already has sold a house – to herself. Donna is moving down the street in her current Richmond neighborhood. **Jocelyn Piccone** got a big promotion – she is the chief operating officer for Wright State Physicians in Dayton, Ohio. **Irene Thomaidis Cimino** and husband Bill took a winter trip to their home away from home, Hawaii, and the pictures were beautiful! **Karen Anderson Hall** and husband Taddy are expecting a little girl.

Our thoughts are with the friends and family of **Maj. H. Mark "Gimpy" Jones** who passed away in February at his home in Costa Rica. Mark served 20 years with the West Virginia Air National Guard as a C-130 aircraft commander. He flew throughout the world, including relief missions into Sarajevo and airdrops of humanitarian supplies over the Balkans, while targeted by enemy ground fire. He was also a pilot for United Airlines and an accomplished surfer and sailor. Mark will be dearly missed.

As for me, last winter I took a trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands. What an experience!

C'mon guys! We can do better with the news! Please e-mail me an update on what you are doing and where you are doing it!

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This has certainly been the year for babies! **Dia Hablutzel** and husband Deron welcomed their first child, Brendon Davey, in May 2005, and both enjoyed a great summer at home with him. **Amy LaPierre** and husband Steve welcomed their second child, Elizabeth Rose, in September 2005. She joins older sister Caroline who turned 2 in October.

Kate Bailey Krishnamurthy and husband Vikram, of Wilmington, Del., became parents on Valentine's Day 2005 when their son, Arun Joseph, was born. **Laurie Johnson Chidlow**, husband Carl and son CJ welcomed Hannah Johnson Chidlow in May 2005. **Nicole Parker** and husband Carl, who live in Ohio, had twins in April 2005 – Chase Andrew and Emma Angelique. **Mindy Montgomery** and husband Les announced that their second child, Jackson Ryan, was born in July 2004. Big sister Katie is now 5. Les left the Paralyzed Veterans of America last year to start a software company. Mindy still is at the Department of Defense where she works for the director of defense research and engineering in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Tabatha Yeatts and husband Ben live in North Potomac, Md., with their fifth-grade daughter, Ariann; second-grade son, Dash; and preschool daughter, Elena. In addition to endless hours spent with kids' activities and PTA, Tabatha also writes the children's pages for a local newspaper and is writing a biography of Albert Einstein for young people (Sterling Publishing). For the newspaper, Tabatha interviewed fellow alum **Lissa Brannon '90**, author of the *Little House* books under the name "Melissa Wiley." Tabatha said it was a terrific interview and Lissa is an all-around super person.

Vicki Shaw Heck and husband Matt, a Navy pilot/flight instructor, purchased a home in Pace, Fla., because of Matt's transfer to Naval Air Station Whiting Field near Pensacola. Vicki is a stay-at-home mom to three school-aged children and one child still at home. They enjoy the Florida sunshine and being closer to Vicki's parents, who live near Sarasota. Before the move, Vicki was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, an auto-immune disease that attacks any age and causes chronic joint inflammation. Vicki is now doing really well, but at the onset, she could hardly walk or do basic tasks. She is thankful to her husband for taking off from work to care for her and their children during this time. Vicki was fortunate to have the help of a close relative who has this disease, and she would like to reach out to anyone who has gone through it.

DeAnna Toten Beard teaches theater history and dramatic literature at Baylor University. She is book review editor for *Theatre Topics* and is published in the field of early 20th-century American theater. In 2005, her original play *God & Mammon* was performed in Dallas and New York City. She and Kemper will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary this summer and love life in Texas with children Gracie, 12, and Henry, 6. DeAnna would love to hear from you.

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Thanks to our classmates who responded to the class postcard last summer – it was great to hear from so many. Our most sincere apologies if we missed anyone. The report below reflects news we've received since July 2005, so some information may be a little dated.

John Richmond got his law degree from Wake Forest University in 1998. In 2002, he moved with wife **Linda Hahn Richmond '91** and young daughter Grace Lauren to Chennai (formerly called Madras), India. John directs the work of the International Justice Mission in South India and his job includes investigating reports of human trafficking, assisting local governments to rescue those being held in slavery, and helping to prosecute perpetrators. So far, they have rescued more than 1,100 slaves through the Indian legal system. Linda was seven months pregnant with their second child when they arrived in India; she had major complications that nearly claimed her life while giving birth to James Cotton Richmond. Part of the struggle of their Indian childbirth experience was recently published in a book by Gary Haugen called *Terrify No More*. John's roommate from Mary Washington, **Chris Jacobs**, is teaching history at Green Run High School in Virginia Beach.

Shannon Smith married **Duane Jeirles '94**. They live in Indianapolis, Ind., where Shannon is a marine mammal trainer at the Indianapolis Zoo. She loves her works with harbor seals, California sea lions, polar bears, Pacific walrus and Atlantic bottlenose dolphins. Duane works in the purchasing department of Toyota. They have a daughter, Marina, and were expecting their second child.

Jill Bunch Indugula and husband Raj live in Manassas with their amazing twin sons, Niam and Myan. Jill works part-time in the evenings as a math professor at Northern Virginia Community College.

Lindsey Weller Poulsen and husband **Chris** live in Peoria, Ill., while Chris finishes his residency training in emergency medicine at St. Francis Hospital. Lindsey is a physician assistant and sees patients part time at a family medicine clinic. They have a daughter, Eadie, and celebrated the birth of a son, Evan, in June 2005.

Chriselda Fleming received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Immaculata University. She is a therapist at Upper Bay Counseling and Support Services in Havre de Grace, Md., which is an outpatient clinic where she sees children and adults.

Rob and **Allison Andrews Teweles '95** welcomed their second child, Maggie, in July 2005. **Jean Sudlow Simpson** and husband Bob welcomed their second child last summer. **Cindy Rush Reasoner** and her husband, Zane, had their second child, Sawyer. Cindy enjoys being an assistant principal and living in Chesterfield, Va. **Michelle Collette Hartz** lives with her husband, Chris, outside of Tampa, Fla., and welcomed their son, Alexander, in January. **Mike Slane** lives in Los Angeles and works on television commercials and music videos. He and his wife, Hilary, had a baby girl, Chloe, last year. They love living in California!

Kim Blair Vosskamp and husband Mark took a two-week trip to Hawaii and loved it. Kim reports that **Erica Vanderzon Andreae** and her husband, Morgan, had a baby girl, Mercedes, in July 2004. **Mary Motley** got married in Italy, which must have been fabulous. **Fatima Suliaman** and her husband had twins! **John Anstey** and wife **Kara '94** are doing great in Roanoke. John is president of the

Administrator plows through problems

Tracking down coyotes, boarding a snowplow, planning a prosperous future for one of the fastest growing areas in Ohio.

All of the above is in a day's work for **Judith Carter Boyko '88**. But the administrator of Ohio's West Chester Township always begins the same way in tackling the myriad challenges she faces daily: by listening.

Sometimes, all a resident needs is an ear. Usually, though, listening leads to understanding and invites communication. "When people have dialogue, the most wonderful things can happen," said Boyko, who oversees more than 300 township employees in a nonpartisan role similar to that of a city manager.

West Chester, a burgeoning suburb of Cincinnati, is a community of about 60,000, nearly triple what it was 25 years ago. Amid this explosive growth, Boyko spends a great deal of time working with the elected Board of Trustees to envision and plan the future of the community. She interacts directly with residents, too, who come to her with a wide variety of issues dealing with roads, safety and the community. "I got a call today from someone who thinks they saw a coyote, and they're worried about their cat," she said.

Boyko also talks to community groups, such as homeowners' associations and civic organizations, often to explain government decisions that may have upset or frustrated group members. "It's rewarding when I'm able to go to the meeting and help them understand why their elected officials made a particular decision," she said.

Judith Carter Boyko '88

But Boyko does more than talk and listen. She's not afraid to get in the middle of the action if the need arises. Last year, during a major snowfall, she called to assure a township trustee that crews were out in force clearing the roads. Boyko spoke with authority: She made the call from aboard one of the snowplows.

This hands-on and personable style is something Boyko witnessed at Mary Washington. From South Boston, Va., she chose the school because of its strong liberal arts focus and the close student-professor interaction. "You really need someone who knows you by name and can encourage you," she said. "And I formed friendships with people who had similar interests, people I got to know and could study with."

Mary Washington also spawned lifelong friendships for Boyko, 40. "My buddies and I are all proud to say we're from Mary Washington."

The school served her particularly well as a mathematics major. Advanced calculus and mind-bending problem-solving are a way of life for Boyko now.

After graduating from Mary Washington, Boyko joined the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles as a policy analyst and earned her master's degree in urban planning from Virginia Commonwealth University. She headed to West Chester in 1992 as the township's planner. Moving through the ranks, Boyko became assistant township administrator in 1999 and last year, its administrator.

Active in community organizations, Boyko also enjoys running and hip-hop dancing.

– Melissa Davis Haller

Anstey Advertising Group and is very active in several community organizations in the Valley. Kara is a physician.

James and **Nancy Columbia Hilbert** had two celebrations: their ninth wedding anniversary and the birth of their second child, a boy. Nancy is the claims coordinator for Maran Corporate Risk, which is one of the largest independent insurance agencies on Long Island. James will be the new dean of students at JFK Middle School in Port Jefferson Station on Long Island.

Stacy Kearney ran into **Jennifer Hileman McFaden** and her husband, Buzz, during a white water rafting trip in Beckley, W.Va.! They recognized each other from their Mary Washington days and had a great time catching up. Stacy and her family still enjoy living close to Lynchburg. She works from home in support of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Kathy Opiela Valentine spent a long weekend in 2005 in New York City with **Jody Smith** and **Tammy White**. Jody lives and works on Long Island, and Tammy lives and works in New York City. Kathy also spent some time with **Nilou Tavassoli**, who lives and works in Northern Virginia. About a year ago, Kathy and husband Pratt moved to a new house on about 12 acres close to Charlottesville, Va. She continues to work at CFA Institute with two other Mary Washington grads, **Roger Mitchell '90** and **John Bowman '97**, who is married to **Christina Avery '94**. Kathy's brother, **Dan Opiela '99**, lives and works in Northern Virginia.

Cliff Jordan spent two weeks in South America in July 2005 visiting his sister in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and training the Chilean Air Force in Santiago how to use the mapping and flight planning software of the United States military. After having spent four years as the international and geospatial branch chief for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency at the U.S. Southern Command headquarters in Miami, Fla., Cliff is moving in August to become the imagery and geospatial functional manager at the U.S. European Command Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany. He'll be there for at least three years. In February 2006, he took his annual trip to Rio to see his family and had a bonus treat of seeing the Rolling Stones for free on Copacabana Beach.

Sarah Cooke and **Rob Nevin '92** married in 1997 and had daughter Molly Juanita in March 2005. Rob is an emergency services dispatcher with Henrico County, Va., and manages an adult league baseball team. He also coached junior varsity baseball this year. They keep up with several Mary Washington grads. **Gordon Dixon '92** and wife Valeta have a son, Carter, who just turned 1 in June. **Andy Gustafson '92** and wife Ivy live in Northern Virginia. Andy has opened a pizza restaurant, "Z" Pizza, in Springfield. **Eric** and **Tammy Pfile Stohr** are doing great with two beautiful daughters, Suzanna and Alexa. Tammy has been a school psychologist for a small rural school district for seven years. Eric is a human factors and systems engineer for a government contractor in Dahlgren, Va. He finished his second masters in systems engineering from U.Va. about two years ago.

Newton Tiffany '92 and wife Beth married in 2003 and have a fabulous old home in one of the historic neighborhoods in Richmond. **John Van Vleet** lives in Stafford County. **Kent Ingram '92** keeps very busy with a new motorcycle and his daughter Eve. They also keep in touch with **Wells Iles '96** and his wife, Brenda.

Lisa VanGuilder Gontarek lives in Chesapeake with husband Scott, son Gavin and daughter Katie. Lisa and Scott are both doctors of optometry and enjoy running their own businesses. **Sarah Perri Spalding '92** and her husband, who is also an optometrist, live in Florida. Lisa's Mary Washington roommate, **Jenny Zierden Adler**, just moved in to a new house in Ruther Glen, Va. with husband Lee and son Max. She saw **Tim Dwyer**, wife Sharon and daughters Annie and Kathleen two summers ago. **Meredith Hagler** is living in Ashburn, Va., with husband Dave and sons Keegan and Shane. She does part-time business development and analysis for clients of a local defense contractor. Meredith still sees **Tim Landis**, **Anne Kennedy '94** and other Mary Washington graduates.

Anita Essalih was 49 when she graduated. Now she is semi-retired; in the fall she does homebound and substitute teaching for Stafford County schools, in the summer she works a few hours a week at Huntington Learning Center. She certainly keeps herself active! Read about her son, **Tony Essalih '99**, in the 1999 Class Notes.

Susan Sherburne Bockman lives in Alexandria, Va., with husband Kory and daughter Sophie. Kory does statistics/research for a trade association in downtown D.C. Susan left her job with the National Association for the Education of Young Children in December 2004 to stay at home with Sophie. They are expecting another child in September. Susan recently spent some time at the beach with **Andi Gallimore Ferrenz**, husband Brian and their two children.

Krista Houser Wood lives in Stafford with husband Tom and her three boys, Alex, Matthew and Patrick. She resigned from teaching in June 2000 and is unsure if she will ever go back. She keeps in touch with **Suzanne Sierra**, who lives in Ashburn, Va., and with **Amy Burris Cuthbertson**, who moved from Florida to North Carolina in 2005 with husband Bryan and new baby Alyson.

Simon Borger, wife Dawn and older sister Julia welcomed a second daughter, Anne Elisabeth, in April 2005. They live in San Diego, and both Simon and Dawn work in private practice as licensed therapists.

Leann Vernon reports that she is happily working at Emory & Henry College in Emory, Va. She bought a house in Abingdon a few years ago and is the proud aunt of Chloe, Ian, Emily and Tyler.

Allison Griffin graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1995 with a bachelor's degree of science in nursing. In 1998, she married Case Mitchell, who works for GE Fanuc in Charlottesville, Va. Allison retired in 2003 after working as a nurse in a hospital and a doctor's office and after doing dialysis and insurance work. The following year, Grayson Taylor was born; two years later, Everett Griffin came along.

Kate Woerheide earned a master's degree in general psychology from James Madison University in 1995, and in 2000 she married Patrick Chen in Washington, D.C. Son Isaac was born in 2001, and daughter Claudia was born in 2003. They live in North Kingstown, R.I., and Kate is a stay-at-home mom.

After living and teaching overseas in Kuwait and Greece for eight years, **Kirsti Morin** lives in New Jersey with her husband and two children, Alex and Eleni. Kirsti is teaching high school American history and theory of knowledge classes.

Tama Welch Press and husband **Jon** left Richmond, Va., in 2002 when Jon's job was relocated to Dayton, Ohio. After two years, Tama and Jon moved to Oswego, in the greater Chicago area. Jon is an inside sales coordinator for the North American office of UPM-Kymmene, a paper company based in Finland. Tama has worked for SunTrust for 11 years as a business systems analyst, and she works off-site from her home office. Their girls, ages 8 and 6, have a collection of five cats and one Labrador retriever. Tama is still running, and she is training for the Chicago marathon this year. She reports that they have joined an awesome church and have really found some "family away from home."

Jan Randow Cornwell and husband Jeff now have two children, Caleb and Kristen Renee. Jan is thankful to be a stay-at-home mom. They live in Sterling, Va., and Jeff works close by at Technica Corp. in Dulles. They celebrated their 10th anniversary in 2005. Jan continues to enjoy running and participates in several 5K and 10K races each year.

Jan Kneessi married Stephen Jennings in 2003. After their wedding, Jan moved from Williamsburg to Midlothian, and they bought a house. After teaching elementary school for 11 years (five in Los Angeles, four in Williamsburg, and two in Chesterfield), Jan is taking a respite from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom. In August 2005, she completed her master's degree in reading, language and literacy from William & Mary. Their first baby was born in October 2005.

Christina Joubran Zarou and husband John recently moved to Jacksonville, Fla., from the Northern Virginia area. She is an attorney working for McGuire Woods, practicing in their commercial real estate group. They have a son, Nicholas. **Amy Wray Sabo** and husband Ed are living in Fredericksburg with their three girls, Katherine, Elizabeth and Victoria. Amy is a full-time mother while her husband is active duty military. She sees **Whitney Hall** and reports that she was a contestant on *Jeopardy* and competed against Ken Jennings, no less. Whitney lives in Washington D.C., and works for National Geographic.

Tari Stage-Harvey is a Lutheran pastor in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. They have been there for six years and have two daughters, Hannah and Sophia. They hope to take a sabbatical in New Zealand next summer. They saw **Tiffany Cothran '95** in San Francisco.

Karri Ellis Smith and her husband, Terrill, live in San Diego, Calif., where she worked for DynCorp as a risk manager until March 2004. Terrill is a director of program development for a research and development firm. They have a daughter, Brenna, and in April 2005, Karri gave birth to twin boys, Camden and Cooper. The twins were cast in a Walgreens commercial, a music video and completed an episode of *Big Love*, an HBO series. She loves taking care of the three kids. **Renee Vitale** also lives in San Diego and has worked for several government contractors, most recently Titan Corp. as a systems engineer. She gets together with Karri often and keeps busy mountain biking on the weekends.

Tiffani Sisk Underwood and husband **Carter** live in Martinsville, Va., and recently bought a new house. Tiffani works for the director of business operations for MZM, Inc., and Carter works for Bassett Furniture as a purchasing manager. They have a son, Finley, and two dogs, Josie and Buddy. **Katherine Ashby** was married in July 2003 to Tony Rayburn in Winchester, Va., where they live. Tony is a teacher and head coach of the Handley High School football team. Katherine teaches at Daniel Morgan Middle School and chairs the Special Education Department. They have two beautiful children, Ben and Andrew. **Julie Sale Lizarralde** and her husband, Norm, live in Asheville, N.C., where she worked for State Farm as a claims adjuster until 2003. Norm has his own successful insurance agency in Asheville. They have two incredible boys, Chase and Bode, who keep Julie busy.

Many alums are in Northern Virginia. **Allison Hight McCue** and her husband, Tom, live in Alexandria. Allison works for BearingPoint and Tom is an ocean engineer. They keep busy with their two children, Declan and Meghan. **Ryan Young** and **Laura Cavallini Young** live in Ashburn, Va., with daughter Emily. Ryan has been teaching sixth-grade social studies for eight years. He also is an assistant varsity baseball coach at Potomac Falls High School where his team has twice gone to the state semi-finals. Laura is a stay-at-home mom. **Matt Bolen** lives in Hamilton, Va., with wife Kathy and their two children. Matt is the dean of sixth/seventh grade and teaches sixth-grade science. He is also the varsity girl's tennis coach at Loudoun Valley High School. **Tony Trepal** lives in Leesburg, Va., with wife Shelley and two daughters. Tony is a financial analyst in Sterling, Va. Wes and **Meghan Mahoney Cantrall** live in Purcellville, Va. with their two children. Wes is in sales at Telos in Herndon, Va. Meghan enjoys being a stay-at-home mom.

Nathan Leslie's ('94) third book of fiction, Drivers, a collection of short stories focused on cars, was published in December by Hamilton Stone Editions.

Mark Bouck and his wife, Jen, have three children: MacKenzie, Kaitlyn and Joey. Mark is vice president of sales for a company in Raleigh, N.C. **Lloyd Tracy** practices medicine in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., where he lives with wife Julia, son Lloyd, and baby daughter Emerson Blythe. **Patrick Matthews '94** lives in Disputanta, Va., with his wife, Meredith. They have two sons, Jackson and Tripp, and another baby born in October 2005. Patrick runs a towing and repair shop in Stoney Creek, Va. **Mike Keenan** and wife **Kim Cornell Keenan '94** live in Denver, Colo., and are the proud parents of a daughter, Zoe. Mike is a lawyer and Kim is an occupational therapist.

Tracy Young Rowland's husband entered her in a "dedicated housewife" contest and the local news reporters followed Tracy and her youngsters, Charles and Lindsay, around for a day. To return the favor, Tracy pledged to help her husband get re-elected to the school board. Tracy stays active on the board of two mother's groups, and she volunteers for a local women's group.

Lori Fitzgerald Louden and her husband, **Chris '91**, live in Vienna, Va. Chris is part owner of an information security consulting firm he co-founded, Enspier Technologies. Lori is a stay-at-home-mom for their children, David and Elisabeth. In the same area, **Karen Smith Clerici** and husband John bought a new house in Oakton, Va. They have three girls: Annie and twins Maddie and Julia. **Harriet Greenlee-Herndon** lives in St. Paul, Minn., with her husband, Robert, and two children, Ravi and Stirling Grace. She teaches both special and gifted education at St. Joseph's School. Even when the weather is slightly above freezing, Harriet still enjoys running and being outdoors. Last fall, she ran in the Twin Cities Marathon to raise money for autism research and awareness.

Dianne Seymour is celebrating 11 years as a social worker. She works in the Prince William County, Va., Department of Social Services. Her travels have taken her to every continent except Antarctica. Her husband, Ron, has been in Kuwait as a contractor, and she continues to enjoy her three children, Roxanne, Scott and Ryan, and two grandchildren, Matthew and William. **Elizabeth Bauer Henrickson**, husband **Dave '91** and big sister Libby welcomed baby Andrew Bauer Henrickson in September 2005.

As for Bethany, she and husband **Ben Sutton '95** welcomed their first child, Claudia, in March. Ben is a researcher in the world economics affairs division of the International Monetary Fund, and Bethany is senior assistant to the president of the Association of American Colleges & Universities. She keeps in touch with **Nikki Dunnivan Christmas**, who lives in Fredericksburg and runs around after McKenna and Joshua; **Stacey McInerney Law**, who lives in Las Vegas, Nev., with husband Chris and sons Nathan and Jack; **Debbie Newell Scott**, who lives in Sterling, Va., with husband Sean and children Alex and Rachel; and **Linda Black Brody '95**, who lives in southern California with husband Gavin, daughter Brooke, and baby Kyle, born in December 2005.

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Jennifer Nutter spent two years at the Savannah College of Art and Design where she completed a master of fine arts degree in illustration. She

loved encountering celebrities in the dynamic coastal city. She returned home to Richmond and worked for local government doing Web work and broadcast media; then she freelanced, creating coloring books, stickers, bookmarks, and animated DVDs. A project she wrote and illustrated was adopted by the State of Virginia and distributed in an educational packet to all Virginia elementary schools. As the book was being published, she was planning her wedding to Brandon, brother of the husband of **Leslie Rakes Nutter '93**. Now her old Mary Washington roommate/dear friend is her sister-in-law! Brandon, a Virginia Tech alum, is a mechanical engineer for DuPont. Jennifer joined the staff at Hunton & Williams, a Richmond law firm, while she and Brandon finished building their home in Chesterfield, Va.

Stephen Wilson recently moved from Richmond to Baltimore, Md., and is the vice president of sales and marketing for Eclipse Worldwide Inc., a provider of corporate entertainment at sports events. He also is the managing partner of Colony Realty, LLC. Formerly, he worked as a sales director in the Manhattan branch of Marcus Evans Ltd.. He has also worked on various political campaigns, including Doug Wilder's Richmond mayoral campaign. **John Dimeglio** is doing well and living in mid-town Manhattan. However, both he and **Len Ornstein** miss their Madison third floor window and their Campus Walk bench. Len misses it because he and his wife, Yut Wah, have left New York and moved to Goodyear, Ariz., just outside of Phoenix, where he teaches social studies at Willow Canyon High School. The weather is perfect and he likes to sit on his front porch with his dog, Mushu, thinking about both his great memories of Mary Washington and his new future in Arizona. He recently e-mailed us news about a whole host of Mary Washington characters. **Andy Woodfin** is living in Corning, N.Y., with his wife and family. He works for Corning and his job takes him all over the country.

Latha Gearheart '95 is a university professor in South Carolina, and **Tom Miller '95**, an attorney, lives in Richmond. **Pete Chirico '93** works for the USGS. Len recently connected with his Madison Hall suitemate, **Chris Jacobs '93**. He had not heard from Chris in more than 10 years, but while watching a video on teaching methods at a staff development meeting in El Mirage, Ariz., he noticed that the person in the video was none other than Chris, who is a teacher in the Virginia Beach area. Chris put Len in touch with his old RA and Madison Hall suitemate, **John Richmond '93**, whom Len had not seen since he left his wedding in a hot air balloon more than 10 years ago. John is living in India and working with the poor.

In other news, **Michele O'Dea Walter** is living in Fairfax, Va., with husband James and two sons, Ethan, 3, and Logan, 10 months. After working in human resources for SAIC in McLean, Va., for the past five years, she is staying at home full time until the boys are in school. **Nathan Leslie**'s third book of fiction, *Drivers*, a collection of short stories focused on cars, was published in December by Hamilton Stone Editions. Nathan had the opportunity to share his fiction and discuss writing at Mary Washington and also at the Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg last year. Nathan is teaching at Northern Virginia Community College, and he is the fiction editor for *The Pedestal Magazine*. Nathan lives in Fairfax with his wife, **Julie Newell '97**.

After working as a legislative aide and lobbyist for nine years, **Michelle Legg** decided in 2002 to go back to school. In December, she graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Nursing with a bachelor's degree of science in nursing. She was to take the licensure exam in January and will remain in Richmond, working at Medical College of Virginia Hospitals as a registered nurse in the coronary intensive care unit. During graduation ceremonies, Michelle was honored with the Marguerite G. Nicholson Award for humanitarian qualities and dedication to the school of nursing.

Seton Motley is a political essayist and consultant in Austin, Texas. However, he is looking to return to Washington, D.C., and hopes his ongoing endeavors to land a syndicated radio talk show will pay off. **Brett Abildso** has lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, for more than 10 years working for Watson Pharmaceuticals. He is a supervisor in the quality control laboratory. Brett married Helle Petersen in 2001 in Denmark. They are the proud parents of daughter Maja, born in September 2005. Prior to marriage and parenthood, Brett and Helle traveled for several months in late 2000, spending significant time in Nepal, Australia and New Zealand. **Debbie Hodges** and husband Jon welcomed a daughter, Natalie Lynn, into the family in May 2005. Natalie joins big brothers Alex and Andrew. **Kathleen Kauffman '95** and husband Lamar are expecting their first child. They recently moved to Miami and love it!

Keep the news coming! The deadline for the winter 2006 issue of the magazine is August 1.

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I hope this issue finds you all well. We only received news from one of our classmates.

Peter Steinberg became engaged to Courtney Little in Dublin, Ireland, in February; they plan a May 2007 wedding in New Jersey. Peter and Courtney, who live in Winthrop, Mass., met while both were employed at Boston Private Bank. Courtney, a New Jersey native, has a linguistics degree from the University of New Hampshire. Peter is enrolled in the archives program at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College – sounds like a career change is in your future, Peter.

OK, fellow classmates, let's get this ball rolling – send me some mail. I would love to have more news to publish in the winter issue of *UMW TODAY*. Best wishes.

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From Michelle:

Dave Wrubel completed a 16-month assignment working as an early-morning briefer for senior officials in the Pentagon. He and his wife, Laura, managed to find time for vacations in Argentina and California. **Alanna Weaver** went to Peru in October to hike the Incan Trail and experienced the excitement of a landslide that knocked out the train tracks between Machu Picchu and Cuzco. After several years living and traveling throughout Europe and North America, **Shannon Wergley Faure** started a photography greeting card business.

Ally Serio moved to California and loves the change, especially the warm weather. **Julia Rosenbaum** moved to New York City last year, and she manages benefits in the human resources department for Source Media. **Rebecca Aubin** graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens in 2003. She lives in Savannah, Ga., where she is an attorney. **Jason Terril**, who lives in Reston, Va., traveled last year to England, Wales, France, Germany and – closer to home – Gulfport, Miss., to help relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina. He went to 30th birthday parties and an annual Christmas party with **Bridget Malone**, **Cheryl Duckworth**, **Anne Waldron Hoover** and husband **Rob '95**, **Vanessa Valley Wedding** and husband John, **Jen Rees Schulze** and husband Wil, **Frank Becker '96** and wife Tammy, and **Kurt Jensen**. **Caroline Danforth** lives with husband Scott Hutchison in Arlington, Va., and works as a curator for Arlington's Public Art Program. Caroline also works as a conservation apprentice at the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. Caroline and her husband have studios at the Arlington Arts Center, where they paint and exhibit their work.

Allison Enedy became engaged to Lt. Cmdr. Mark Zwolski in January. Allison is manager of online communications at Norfolk Southern Corp., and her future husband is a Navy helicopter pilot stationed in Norfolk. They are renovating their 1914 house under the watchful eye of their Labrador retriever, Murphy. **Malcolm McKay** left the Marines as a captain in 2004 and is studying for his master's degree from George Washington University. He is engaged to Sonya Gavankar, and they live in Georgetown. Malcolm and Sonya plan an October wedding in Chicago.

Nettie Liburt completed a master's degree in animal science from Rutgers University in May of 2005. She studied equine exercise physiology and nutrition, and she works as an equine specialist for Talmage Agway. She is having a blast training a new horse she bought in September. Nettie recently became engaged to Randy Weiner, and while they are house hunting on Long Island, N.Y., they also are planning their wedding, scheduled to take place this month. **Angie Fleming** became engaged last Thanksgiving to Elliot Gibbs. She was looking forward to her July wedding. **Sharon Smallwood** married Christopher McGee in November 2004. They recently completed an addition on their home in Roanoke, Va. Sharon works in human resources for QVC. In October 2005, **Luke Sbarra**, a corporate attorney,

married Jennifer Foley in Charlotte, N.C., where they live.

Rob Clark and wife Melissa, a 1997 graduate of the University of Miami, married in Old Town Alexandria in July 2005. Their honeymoon took them to the Mediterranean on a seven-day cruise to various locales in Spain, France and Italy. Rob works as a high school guidance counselor and varsity football coach at George Mason High School in Falls Church, Va. Melissa is a Spanish teacher at a neighboring Catholic middle school. They expect their first child in early August 2006. **Ken Stout** and wife **Maria Webb '95** are working on a second adoption, a little girl from China. Their first son, Peter, was adopted from South Africa in October 2003. They live in Spotsylvania, Va., and Ken is on staff at Grace Church of Fredericksburg. He also is pursuing a master's degree in religious studies from Reformed Theological Seminary.

Kate Lulfs Ehrle and **Richard '85** are adjusting well to two kids in the house. Christian is a busy 2-year-old, and Elisabeth will be keeping up with her brother soon. Kate is busy with diapers, playgroups, building blocks and working full time (mainly from home in her pajamas) at IBM. The family took a long trip to New England in the fall to check out the foliage. **Kristy Markos Greeneltch** and her husband, **Corey '98**, welcomed their first son, Ryder Thomas, in July 2005. Kristy is a postdoctoral fellow conducting breast cancer research at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, and she is loving life as a new mom. **Annmarie Hirst Barone** and her husband, Christian, welcomed a baby boy, Christian William Barone, in August 2005. This is Annmarie's first child. They enjoy living in Hampton, N.H., and they opened a seasonal eatery near the seacoast called "Barone's Steak Shack." They had a great first season selling cheese steaks and hiring teens for the summer. Christian continues to fly for American Airlines, and Annmarie is taking time off from teaching Spanish to be home with the baby and to help with their new business.

Myon Mulhare Valentino and her husband welcomed their third son, David Raphael, in August 2005. **Karen Aiello Petteni** gave birth to William Benjamin, also in August 2005. She lives in France with her husband; they recently relocated to Toulouse. **John "JD" Day** and **Felicity Smith '98** had a boy, Olin Edward Day, another August 2005 baby. JD is an architect and is design director for Hutker Architects on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. **Jason Tootell** and his wife, Rhodaline, welcomed their first child, Emma Kiran, in September 2005. **M.J. Figel Day** and her husband, Brian, welcomed their first son, Parker Breslin Day, in October 2005. **Katie O'Leary** and **Ryan Preston** are proud parents of a baby boy named Jack Ryan, born last December. **Amy Lapasota Miles**, husband Davin, and sons, Davin Jr., 3, and Kenyon, 7 months, are very excited to finally have a place of their own – a beautiful four-bedroom house in Tamiment, Pa. **Alison McEvoy Rehm** and her husband, Jeff, were expecting a baby boy in March 2006. They reside in West Palm Beach, Fla. Babies Parker, Jack and Kenyon all met for the first time at Alison's baby shower.

Surya Dill Cox and her husband, Drew, are the proud parents of Tanner Cohen Cox, born New Year's Eve. **Cecilia Kane Gagner** and **Jeremy Gagner '98** had their third baby boy, TJ, in January. **Wally** and **Megan McDowell Ferguson** had a baby girl, Audrey Madeline, in January. **Craig Pullen** and his wife, Jessica, moved into their new home in Charles Town, W.Va., in November and are expecting their second child in August. **Katy Higgins Sample** and husband Craig are expecting their second child, a girl, this summer.

Joy Hughes lives in Raleigh, N.C., and works as a clinical data analyst and in-training applications developer for etrials Worldwide Inc., a technology company that provides software for the clinical trials arena. Joy met her boyfriend at their 10-year high school reunion in Virginia where they learned they were living a few blocks from each other in Raleigh. Joy keeps very busy with her two rescued "children," who just happen to be covered in fur: (Sir Isaac) Newton, a Rhodesian Ridgeback/Great Dane mix, and Sadie, a black Lab/American staffie mix. Both of Joy's fur-children have earned their canine good citizen obedience degrees from the American Kennel Club.

My husband, Wade Van House, and I are also keeping busy with our four-legged children. We added another schnoodle, Solei, to our family in October to keep Luna company. The two of them won't be earning obedience degrees anytime soon, but their antics keep our home filled with laughs and love. Wade and I live in Minneapolis and recently added Aruba and the Bahamas to our ever growing list of places visited.

It has been nine years since we marched down Campus Walk in our caps and gowns, and I am thrilled that the news keeps on coming from the Class of 1997. Looking forward to all the events in the next year that will lead us to our 10-year reunion!

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And so it goes - 2006 is the year many members of the Class of 1998 will turn 30. Some have already journeyed into this next phase, and the rest of us are just waiting for our big moment. We celebrated **Deacon**'s 30th in September with a surprise party at his brother's house in Connecticut. Most of those attending were just glad it wasn't yet time for us to turn 30. I started 2006 celebrating **Darien Berkowitz Jacobson**'s 30th in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Andy, and lots of alumni. Her real party, though, was the week prior to her birthday when she and Andy went to Las Vegas along with **Katie Shea**, **Lauren Dwyer Lowther** and her husband, Brandon. Lauren and Brandon flew in from Denver, and they were expecting to move into their new home in the winter. They're looking forward to having friends visit them in Colorado. Also in Denver is **Lee Mebel**, who said he's enjoying the best snow Colorado has had in 30 years!

Emre Izat '99 is an associate producer for the National Geographic Television series Hunter and Hunted.

In other 30-year celebrations, **Tom Zarcone** and wife Kim traveled to Boston last December to ring in **Jay Szatmary**'s 30th with fellow alumni **Kyle** and **Sheila Elledge Courtney**, **Brian Graziano** and **Colette Yankoupe '99**. A month later, everyone returned the favor to help Tom celebrate his 30th in Pennsylvania. Tom and Kim's second daughter, Scarlett Reilly Snell Zarcone, joined big sister Bella in January.

Tara McGintee Gibbs graduated in 2001 from Elon University with a master's degree in physical therapy. She and husband Dave live in Port Washington, N.Y., and welcomed son Owen Thomas in August 2005. **Jeremy Blain** continued the undergraduate tradition of living in a three-to-one female/male ratio. He, wife Jen and dog Maizy welcomed baby Ellen in August. **Alison Crumling Pavlak** writes that she and husband Steve are settling into their new home in Lorton and looking forward to welcoming their first child. A few days after she sent her original e-mail, Alison wrote back with an update that she and Steve are expecting not one but two babies in September!

Mara Buzzell now goes by **Mara Buzzell Ehret**. She is a physician assistant in Covington, Ga., where she lives with internist husband John, whom she married in May 2005. They are building a house in Oxford, Ga., and hope to move in this spring. **Chris** and **Jayme Morris VanHorn** moved from Boston to Maryland last fall so Chris could complete his master's degree in business administration at the University of Maryland. **Katie Buban** returned from the Peace Corps last summer and is engaged to Evan Mangino, who served with her in Tonga. They plan to marry in August and live in D.C. Katie is a program manager at a small grassroots development firm called Social Impact. Fellow Peace Corps alum **Lara Federov**'s mom wanted to see her daughter's name in print, so she finally decided to send an update. Lara returned from Micronesia last summer after a trip through Guam, Palau, Saipan, Thailand (where she briefly met up with **Wes Heuvel**) and Cambodia. After her return, she worked with **Matt Galeone** and **Sarah Gilbert Lopez** at Lockheed-Martin. She is living in Worcester, Mass., where she is working on her graduate degree in international development and social change at Clark University. She admits she is not thrilled with the New England temperature after having spent four years in the tropics.

Another do-gooder is **Betsy Maldonado Sauer**. She and her husband, Bryan, spent two months in India working at an AIDS clinic outside of Mumbai. Bryan is a physician and Betsy, who is doing social work there, described the experience as amazing. She also wrote that **Courtney Lamb Whitworth '00** and husband Travis are expecting, along with **Alyson Andrews Ramsay** and husband Peter. **Mike '97** and **Sarah Geiger Luisi** welcomed their daughter in May 2005. **Heidi Buchanan Keohane** completed her national board certification in adolescent and young adult mathematics. **Caitlin Jenkins** got engaged to Jason Losh just in time for this edition of the magazine! She is pursuing her master's degree in art conservation in Buffalo, N.Y.

For those who have had the opportunity to read his annual report and/or blog, this won't be news: **Clint McCarthy** chronicled 2005 for us in a 40-page report with information about many of his friends. There was mention of **Mike "Pasta" Paolino** and wife Diane's move to Rhode Island. Good friend **Brian Lusk** married Andrea Remmen in October. Deacon and I were able to join in the fun with alumni **Robb '00** and **Ashley Lewis Braidwood**, **Josh Parker**, **Jeremy Blain** and wife Jen, **Todd Hamlin**, **Lauren Dwyer Lowther**, **Jesse Freese**, **Mike Hurt '97**, **JT Tani**, **Adrien**

Snedeker and others. Soon after, Robb and Ashley announced the good news that they're expecting a child. Clint also had engagement news to share. He reported that both **Nicole LeVangie** and **Alexis Kingham** are engaged, though not to each other. Clint's freshman year roommate **Kirk Blankenship** and wife **Shelly '99** live in Martinsburg, Va., and they have two children with another on the way. **Becky Earle Middleton '97** and her husband, Dennis, are expecting a sibling for daughter Sarah later this year.

As for us, Deacon will finish his master's degree in counseling this May, and we're planning a move to Connecticut for the next academic year. I hope this issue finds all of you well. Thanks for sharing your news and information. Happy 30th birthday, everyone!

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I love my job as a second-grade teacher at Rock Creek International School. It is amazing to hear children speak in multiple languages. It has also been wonderful living in our nation's capital, especially since it has given me the opportunity to reconnect with friends from school.

New life and future alumni continue to be added to our world. My sister married April 22, and I was her maid of honor. **Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom** and husband Lee welcomed daughter Addison Emma to their family on March 20.

Mary Washington has turned out many great teachers, and many have stayed in the area. **Corey Sell** is teaching fourth grade in Prince William County Public Schools and living in Northern Virginia. **Lisa Mueller** is a fifth-grade teacher in the City of Falls Church, and she is working toward national board certification. **Jennifer Fields Beeker** and her husband live in Lynchburg, Va., and she teaches at a local high school. Also teaching in Lynchburg is **Sarah Lindeman**, who is working on a master's degree at Lynchburg College. **Emily Meriwether Horney** is now a technology resource teacher for Poole Middle School in Stafford County. Emily and her husband, Stephen, are building a house in Caroline County.

Our local alumni are upholding the Mary Washington reputation. **Emre Izat** lives in D.C., where he is not only an associate producer for the National Geographic Television series *Hunter and Hunted*, but the proud owner of a cat named Ralph. **Tony Essalih**, a Mary Washington soccer player, and wife Ellie purchased and moved into their house on Capitol Hill in February 2005. Tony is in remission from non-Hodgkins lymphoma having successfully completed his chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Tony keeps busy in his job as chief of staff for U.S. Rep. John Culberson (R-Texas).

Katy Buchanan is assistant general manager of the Hilton Garden Inn in Fredericksburg. She lives in the Fredericksburg area with her 2-year-old son Nicholas. **Kate Krukiel** just started a job with Microsoft. She'll be with the federal team out of D.C., and will continue to live in Old Town Alexandria. **Stephen Charnoff** is practicing law with a litigation firm in Washington.

Martha Smith has had many wonderful opportunities. She worked on the Julie Taymore movie, *Across the Universe*, which comes out this Thanksgiving. She is free-lancing in the TV/film/theater world, and she is interning at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, working on the database for the new Islamic wing which will open in 2009. She plans to do a turn at the Victoria and Albert Museum's gallery of decorative arts in London this August, and she will extend the trip to Italy for research. In her free time, she is writing her dissertation. **Hien Truong** lives in Chicago and travels throughout the Midwest and Canada for Bally Gaming Systems.

Rob Martin is in seminary in Nebraska, studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood with the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. He is in his last semester of philosophy training and will enter the first of four years of theology training this fall. In November, he was ordained to the minor orders of Porter and Lector. Last summer, he spent three weeks working at a parish in Richmond, teaching at a Bible camp and training altar servers. **Liz Howard Hencke** is gearing up to produce her third independent feature film, the political drama *Exodus 20:13*, for her writer/director husband Matthew. They recently finished their second collaborative project, the psychological thriller *Verschwinden*, and hope to take it to several film festivals this year. In July, Liz received a promotion to the position of cash manager at the private investment company where she's worked for the last four and one half years.

Jessie Swissler apologizes for not sending an update in several years, and she felt one was overdue. She splits her time between Arizona and Utah. She lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, in the winter, where she works and skis at the Alta Ski Resort. This is her fourth season working there. In the summer months, she lives in Flagstaff, Ariz., where she works in the Grand Canyon as a whitewater river guide. This will be her third summer with Canyon Explorations, but her eighth summer as a river guide.

We have several classmates involved in planning their upcoming weddings. My old roommate, **Janet Oldis**, is living in New York and working for JetBlue Airways human resources where she was recently named manager of the benefits department. She got engaged last summer to Ciro Monaco Jr., and they are planning an October 2006 wedding. **Meredith Wilcox** and boyfriend Ryan got engaged in November 2005. During a surprise trip to Paris, he proposed in front of the Eiffel Tower. They're planning a September wedding. Congrats!

All of the planning done, these classmates are beginning their new lives together. **Erika Meredith** and Ted Tsouras had a June wedding in Flagstaff, Ariz., where they live. They do lots of camping, watch lots of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and play their stereo loudly. Erika is also getting her master's degree in art education at Northern Arizona University. **Jeanine Boeke** married Aaron Mlynek of Minneapolis, Minn., in September 2005, and they spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. She is working in an adult foster care home as a staff supervisor for People Inc. in Dakota County, Minn. In July 2005, **Rich Kimble** married Lolita Gonzales in Aptos, Calif. **Damon Dwyer, JT Griffin** and **Andrew Owens** served as groomsmen. Rich is pursuing his master's degree in business administration at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Jennifer and **Jeremy Duval** are living in Malvern, Pa., and are expecting their first child at the end of April. **Erin Murphy Thorp** gave birth to Donald Logan in October 2005. Erin's husband, Travis, began his six-month deployment just two weeks before the birth, so Erin and Logan traveled to Guam and Western Australia to visit him. They also made two trips from Hawaii back to the East Coast to visit family and friends. **Kerry Andres Costanzo** and husband **Stephen '00** were blessed with their third child, Dominic, in July 2005. Kerry stays at home with the children, and she is doing some home schooling with her older daughter, Claire. Claire and Anna love their new little brother! Stephen heads the special services department at Seton Home Study School in Front Royal, Va. He counsels parents who home school children with special needs. More than a year ago, the couple bought a house in Strasburg, Va., and though it has taught them how much work goes into maintaining a house, they feel very blessed and thankful for it.

Ben Arrington and **Robyn Barnard** married in April 2001 and welcomed their first son, David, in May 2004. They live in Ashburn, Va., and were expecting their second child in late February 2006. Ben is a systems engineer for a small technical consulting firm, and he is pursuing a master's degree in software engineering at George Mason University. Robyn enjoys staying at home with their son after working as a consultant for BAE Systems.

While **Missy Barnes** transferred from Mary Washington in January of 1998, she was part of the Class of '99 for two and one half years. She finished her degree in math at SUNY Oswego and completed a master's degree in education at Canisius College. She recently started her fifth year teaching high school math in upstate New York, and she is about to enter her fourth year as the varsity basketball and lacrosse coach.

Thanks for all of your updates! Hope your 2006 is going well. Please keep in touch.

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Greetings fellow classmates. First and foremost, we owe a huge "thank you" to **Kristin DeGraff**, who served as our Class Agent for the last five years, keeping us updated and in touch since graduation! I volunteered to take over her position when she stepped down this winter. So far, I've enjoyed hearing all the good news from our classmates, and I'm glad to share the news with all of you.

Congratulations to those who recently got engaged and married. In September 2005, **Jenny Johnson** married Dan Smullen in Smithfield, Va. **Tony Saitta** attended, and Jenny's brother **Taylor Johnson '05** was a groomsman. They honeymooned in Italy and now live in Richmond. Our own **Karen Pearlman** took photos at their wedding. Speaking of Karen: Taking photos of several weddings lately must have rubbed off on her because in February she became engaged to Josh Frank, a native of Bedford County, Va. Frank is a network manager at Virginia Military Institute. **James Mirabello** and Erica Ko plan to marry in August. **Andrea Rossi** is engaged to **Matt Mospan**, and they plan to marry in the summer of 2007. **Daniela Kelley** became engaged in December and hopes to have a fall 2006 wedding. She just started her fifth year working at the Washington bureau of the Fox News Channel. **Abby Turpyn** was planning her June 2006 wedding to Dan Peairs while working on the dissertation for her doctorate in nutrition in sports and chronic disease at Virginia Tech.

In addition to wedding news, many of our classmates have exciting baby news. **Tara Webster Flores** and husband, Alexis, had their first daughter, Jasmin Alexandra, born in December 2005. Tara works at Patuxent River Naval Base. **Dan** and wife **Hattie Carroll-Ratliff** are expecting a baby July 31; **Eve Sledjeski** and her husband were expecting a baby boy in April.

Congratulations to our classmates who recently completed their graduate degrees. **Amy Ford** completed a master's degree in elementary education and is living and working on the eastern end of Long Island as a senior planner for a local municipality. Last year, she completed three triathlons and one long distance swim (five-plus miles) and is looking forward to competing in more events this year. **Blake Mitchell** graduated last summer from Clemson University with a master's degree in human factors psychology. He lives in Boston and works for one of the Army's research and development labs. **Kathryn Amey Degnan** plans to complete her doctorate in developmental psychology at UNC-Greensboro in May. After that, she and her husband, **Matt '99**, will move to the D.C., area where Kathryn will do postdoctoral work at the University of Maryland. **Jackie Herr Kha** lives in Lancaster, Pa., and she is going back to school for a medical technician degree.

In other class news, **Valerie Wunder** took a big plunge and moved to Phoenix to work for the media relations department at U.S. Airways. Although she's never lived anywhere but the East Coast, she said it's hard to get homesick when it is 78 degrees and sunny all the time! **Beth Geiger Wolly** also made a big move out west to San Francisco, where her position at Washingtonpost.com is located. **Irene Schinkel Bristow** is teaching at St. Joseph Catholic School in Northern Virginia, switching recently from second grade to kindergarten. She stays busy visiting friends and family around Virginia and redecorating her home.

Ryan Wellner still lives in Hoboken, N.J., and is coaching lacrosse at Stevens Institute of Technology. His team is currently ranked No. 8 in Division III. He occasionally gets together with fellow classmates in New York City, including **Michelle Kelly**, who works for Ernst & Young, and **Rachael Dorsey**, who is the director of communications and public programs for The Kitchen, a non-profit, multidisciplinary art center in the city. Another New York resident, **Katie Arnold**, is pursuing music.

As for me, I recently made a very big move, quitting my position as executive director of the Fairfax-based Women's Ordination Conference, to move with my husband, Capt. Roger Thomas, and 1-year old daughter, Emily, around the world to Okinawa, Japan. I enjoy the culture and the food, and I'm slowly learning the language. I am a stay-at-home mom but continue to do some writing for colleagues back in the States.

Like many of you, I always turn first to the back section of *TODAY* to read our Class Notes. Please continue to send your updates so we can read the exciting news about where we are and what we've been up to! Next deadline to me is August 1. All the best.

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From Teresa:

Natalie Alexander was finishing her master's degree in business administration at George Mason University while planning a June 2006 wedding to Andy Buttner. Attendants included **Teresa Mannix** and **Preeti Jahagirdar '02**. **Susan Carpenter** (BLS) finished her course requirements for her master's degree in education and was scheduled to graduate this spring. She teaches special education in first and second grade in Fredericksburg City Schools.

Rob Eidson was scheduled to graduate from Marymount in the spring with a master's degree in human resource management, and he recently took a job as the senior employee relations specialist working as a contractor on a project with the FBI. He reports that he still lives in Tysons Corner and spends all of his time at work, school or working with the alumni members to organize events for the Psi Upsilon alumni association. Those include a charity food drive for the Capital Area Food Bank, a social reception with the Phi Beta alumni association (William & Mary) to help raise money for the Pediatric Aids Foundation, and an upcoming bowling event to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Candice Ashton recently became engaged, and she and her fiancé, Jason Money, are planning a September 2006 wedding in Old Town Alexandria. Candice and Jason both work as legislative assistants in the United States Senate. **Ashley Meredith Roeting** married David Bizzarri in March at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Md. Last we heard, Ashley was an event coordinator for the Charleston Trident Home Builders Association in Charleston, S.C. David is a Navy lieutenant and a naval aviator.

Brianne Patchell Friberg and husband Brian are expecting their first baby in July. Brianne is working on her doctorate in human development and family studies at the University of Wisconsin. **Karen Graver** lives in Arlington, Va., and is enrolled in a physics and chemistry Ph.D. program at George Mason University. She does biophysics research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., in an optical spectroscopy lab analyzing fluorophores in proteins. She also tutors high school math students and loves being an aunt.

Sara Harney lives in Alexandria, Va., and is finishing her third year as a high school counselor. She became engaged in February to Jim Correll, and they are busy planning their wedding for October 2006. **Michael Harris** lives outside of Philadelphia, works as a museum educator at Brandywine Battlefield Park and was married last November. **Jennifer Hoffman** is continuing graduate school at Thomas Jefferson University, and she expects to earn her master's degree of science in nursing this August. She is working on her clinical experience in pediatric and OB-GYN settings. She also works as a telemetry registered nurse at Hahnemann University Hospital.

Beth Waters Hunley and husband Jonathan recently renovated a house in downtown Fredericksburg. They were expecting their first child, a boy, in June. After taking the summer off to get to know the newest member of their family, Beth will return to her work as a journalism teacher and communications director at Fredericksburg Academy.

Andrea Luteran is trucking away with school and hopes to be done with her doctorate in May 2007. She became engaged last Christmas Eve to Jacob Yackenovich, a software engineer at IBM. They plan a June 2007 wedding. **Madelyn Marino** was recently promoted at American Express to manager of leadership, learning and development. **Jen McDonald** works at the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C. She lives in Annapolis and is applying to graduate schools for a master's degree in public administration or international studies.

Allison Poindexter and her husband bought a house in Port Richey, Fla., in September. She was recently admitted to graduate school at Saint Leo University, where she will study instructional leadership. **Jon** and **Erin Pickens Williams** live in McLean, Va. Jon is a legislative/regulatory analyst for the American Insurance Association in Washington, D.C. Erin is an investigator for USIS.

There was a mistake in the last edition of Class Notes. It should have read that **Amy Leachtenauer** is a child care specialist in Fairfax County and purchased a home in October, and that **Ashley Beck** was the maid of honor at Amy's wedding.

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Liz King has been playing the keys and singing the lead with an '80s cover band called "Members Only." They play all over the D.C. and Northern Virginia area.

While traveling in New Zealand for five months in 2003, **Jamie Darcy** met her boyfriend with whom she lives in Union, N.J. Jamie is a seventh-grade math teacher in Rosell Park, N.J. **Dan Greene** returned home safely from his first tour in Iraq. He lives in Emerald Isle, N.C., and he recently got engaged to Melissa Nolan. He was scheduled to ship back to Iraq in March for a second tour as a first lieutenant.

OK, all you fine classmates, let's hear from you so we can have more news published in the next issue of *UMW TODAY*. Your deadline to Carolyn or me is August 1.

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Emily Ailsworth Helsabeck '30
Anna H. Boyd '34
Eleanor Virginia Dickerson VanTrain '34
Helen Gillum Faulconer '38
Lois M. Goodwin '38
Ida B. Saunders '38
Irene Lundy Brown '39
Sara Ann Steele '39
Eleanor V. Fountain '40
Minerva Annie Hynson Bubenzer '42
Sybil Forrest Goodman '42
Dorothy Graf Hecker '42
Helen Boyette Coleman '44
Lucy Johnson Pilson '44
Janie Malone Osborne Dunn '45
Elizabeth Mackintosh Holt '45
June K. King '45
Mina Matthews Mahone '45
Katherine Hildebrand Gamsby '46
Carolyn Haslett Harrison '46
Betty Bridges Sherrill '49
Ruth E. Smith Craig '50
Elizabeth F. Roller Emde '53
Patsy Haymes Fuller '53
Joan Garner Ammerman '54
Helen Morris Bandarian '54
Ruth Brand Bear Barnes '54
Mary Taylor Martin '54
Carolyn Fletcher Hucks '55
Doris Kirby Wagg '55
Peggy Pitts Graebner '56
Betty McGhee Long '57
Jacqueline McDaniel '57
Ann Hopkins Burroughs '61
Sally Branin Primka '61
Ruth Ferguson Ochsner Bland '62
Frances Page Lofis '64
Sherry Lott Thompson '64
Marilynn C. Moschel '70
Roberta Tuttle Matherne '72
Elizabeth Lewis Hollaman '76
Donna Lynn Dowdy '77
Howard Mark Jones '86
Kevin C. Manion '01
Katrina E. Noffsinger '05
Whitney Anne Robie '05
Cary W. Noyes '09

CONDOLENCES

Cynthia Howell Cragin '42, who lost her husband
Peyton Lewis Penkowsky '48, who lost her husband
Lucy Moise '56, who lost her husband
Gloria Winslow Borden '59, who lost her mother
Marian Danco '61, who lost her husband
Linda Giles Poole '61, who lost her mother
Mary Lott Haglund '62, who lost her sister
Betsy Stanley Klein '64, who lost her mother
Joanne Lott Byrne '65, who lost her sister
Patricia Giles Hinds '69, who lost her mother
Catherine Trenis Allis '75, who lost her father
Deborah Relyea Johnson '75, who lost her husband
Anne Thompson Mendez '91, who lost her mother

OBITUARIES

Kevin C. Manion '01

Kevin C. Manion, a Virginia State Police trooper, died Feb. 18, 2006. He graduated from Mary Washington in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in geography.

The 27-year-old was killed while investigating a pickup truck crash in Clarke County, Va. The vehicle was being removed from the scene by a tow truck when a rifle stashed behind the seat discharged. A bullet struck Manion in the chest, missing the bullet proof vest he was wearing. Another trooper at the scene was unhurt. There was no one in the truck at the time, and the troopers did not know the rifle was in the truck.

The driver of the truck was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and theft of the weapon, according to the Virginia State Police. He was later indicted on a charge of felony murder, though he was not holding the rifle when it discharged.

Manion lived in Front Royal, Va. He is survived by his parents, William K. and Frances Carder Manion of Millboro, Va., five sisters and five brothers. Manion graduated from Bath County High School in 1996 and attended Dabney S. Lancaster Community College in Clifton Forge, Va. He graduated from the Virginia State Police Academy in May 2003 and was assigned to Prince William County before his assignment to patrol Clarke and Warren counties. He was an active member and youth leader of Antioch Church of Christ in Manassas, Va.

Manion was buried in Millboro Springs, Va., with funeral rites presented by the Virginia State Police Honor Guard. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine recognized Manion and six other slain officers in May during the annual Virginia Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Service. Manion also was memorialized at a Virginia State Police service later that month. Memorial contributions in Manion's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Irene Lundy Brown '39

In April, the University of Mary Washington lost a devoted friend, Irene Lundy Brown '39. Brown, 87, was a pathfinder. She was a member of the first Board of Visitors in 1972, and she established the first Washington Scholarship in 2000.

Brown's memories of her youth inspired her generosity to the school, both with service and capital. Born the eldest of nine children in Emporia, Va., she took out loans to pay for tuition at Mary Washington and worked part time as a student aide.

"It was worth every cent," she told *TODAY* of her efforts in an interview in 2000. "It was a long time ago, but I remember how tough it was to study, work and get good grades."

Brown was preceded in death in 1997 by her husband, Vernon L. Brown, who in 1989 was made an honorary alumnus of Mary Washington in recognition of his support of the school. Vernon and Irene Brown are survived by two children: Robert R. Brown, president of Robert Brown & Associates Inc. Commercial Real Estate, who lives in Poquoson, Va., and Brenda B. Shipplett, president and chief operating officer of The Long & Foster Companies, who lives in Fairfax, Va.

Irene Brown and her husband lived in Poquoson, Va., where they owned and operated Greyhound Bus Terminals until 1983. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Newport News and the Republican Party of Poquoson.

Lou Cordero

Irene Lundy Brown '39 and Christopher MacDonald '04, the first Lundy Brown Washington Scholar

Brown's first job after graduating in 1939 was assistant registrar at Mary Washington. Gov. A. Linwood Holton Jr. appointed her to the Board of Visitors in 1972. In 1986, she and Vernon Brown established the first two Mary Washington gift annuities, thus generating retirement income for themselves and later supporting the school.

By establishing the Irene Lundy Brown Washington Scholarship, Brown funded four years of study for the recipient. Washington Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit, and recipients are admitted through the honors program. Washington Scholars must be excellent in academics, but also leaders committed to community service.

Christopher MacDonald '04 was the first Irene Lundy Brown Washington Scholar. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in studio art, he moved to California to work for NBC Universal as a video editor.

"Receiving the Irene Lundy Brown Washington Scholarship made a huge impact on my life," MacDonald said. "Her scholarship set in motion a sequence of events that brought me to Mary Washington, put me in contact with the wonderful administrators and faculty at the University, and led me to meet friends and mentors who would eventually lead me to my present career, all without my family and me having to incur the difficult financial burden of a college education. I will never forget Mrs. Brown and the way her generosity affected my life."

Cary W. Noyes

Cary W. Noyes, a University of Mary Washington sophomore, died May 4, 2006, while swimming in an abandoned Fredericksburg quarry. The day before the end of exam period, Noyes and a group of friends were out enjoying the warm weather.

A member of the group phoned for help after Noyes struggled and then went under in about 30 feet of water. It was not clear what caused Noyes to go underwater. Authorities said the water temperature was about 40 degrees.

A resident of Maine, Noyes graduated in the top 10 of his high school class, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was a member of the speech and drama club. During breaks from Mary Washington, he judged high school speech and drama competitions across the state of Maine.

Noyes was born Sept. 22, 1986. He came to UMW to study international affairs but had become interested in historic preservation.

Noyes is survived by mother Dovey Balsam and her husband, Philip, of Industry, Maine; father Rollin Noyes and his wife, Donna, of Solon, Maine; four siblings; and five stepsiblings.

Adieu to William M. Anderson Jr.: Committed, Charismatic, Courageous

During a University of Mary Washington Foundation dinner in April at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, William B. Crawley Jr., university historian and distinguished professor of history, delivered the following toast to his good friend, former President William M. Anderson Jr.

As a historian, I suppose it is my natural inclination to look at the past – and, on occasions such as this, as we contemplate a time of transition, I think it is particularly appropriate to take a few moments to reflect on the extraordinary developments that have characterized Bill Anderson's tenure as president.

The truth is, we do not have nearly enough time for even the most cursory review of his specific accomplishments, for they pervade every aspect of this University. Under his stewardship, for example, the physical facilities have been extensively enhanced, including, apropos of tonight's celebration, this wonderful Alumni Executive Center in which we are now gathered; the academic program has been significantly expanded, as have the social and athletic opportunities for students; the endowment has been increased dramatically, owing to the generosity of many here tonight; and the institution has played an ever-increasing role in the life of the community, reflecting Bill Anderson's concept of the university, not as an ivory tower of intellectual aloofness, but as an open door to community involvement.

All these developments, and many others, have culminated in the attainment of University status and the consequent rise in national recognition that the University now enjoys.

Yet, amid all the changes, much of the current greatness of the University is to be found, not in what has been added, but in what has been preserved, such as the beauty of the campus, both in its architecture and its landscape; the tradition of honor, through which students are daily imbued with a sense of integrity and ethical behavior; and the rigorous academic program, with its continued emphasis on excellence in the liberal arts and sciences.

This is not to imply that these developments have been due to Bill Anderson alone. In fact, he himself has always deflected praise to others, insisting that it has been a team effort all along. And it is true that our success has resulted from the combination of many crucial components, among them the dedication of a gifted faculty; the tireless commitment of the administration and staff; the impressive achievements of talented students; the overall direction and guidance provided by the Board of Visitors; the support of the Mary Washington foundation; the philanthropic contributions of alumni and friends; and the role played so graciously by his wife, Jane, as first lady.

At the same time, however, there has been one element throughout that has been indispensable – and that is the extraordinary leadership provided by Bill Anderson.

Double Billing: Anderson, left, and Crawley.

This is because with a university, as with any successful enterprise, it is essential to have one person who possesses the depth of knowledge, the acuity of vision, the energy and enthusiasm to channel all efforts in a productive direction – in short, to mold individual commitments into institutional cohesion.

It is this function that Bill Anderson has fulfilled – day in and day out, week after week, month after month – with undiminished enthusiasm for nearly a quarter of a century.

Because of the relaxed style that is so much a part of his personality, he has made it look easy. His accomplishments over the years have been so extensive, so consistent and so continuous that the remarkable has sometimes come to seem routine.

Believe me, it was not as easy as he made it look. Take it from one who was fortunate enough to have had a ringside seat from which to observe these developments. Having spent the first five years of Bill's presidency working in his office, I can personally attest to the countless miles traveled, speeches delivered, hands shaken and Maalox consumed – all in the effort to convey the message of Mary Washington to those whose support has been crucial to the University's success.

Throughout his tenure, he has exhibited commitment, character and charisma – and, especially in the past decade since suffering an aneurysm, courage as well.

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So now, out of gratitude to that one person who, more than any other, has been, in essence, the architect of our excellence, I invite everyone to stand with me and lift your glasses in this toast to my friend, to our friend, to Mary Washington's friend:

- with appreciation for all that you have done to bring Mary Washington to its current state of prominence;
- for the vision to dream great dreams for the institution, and for the leadership to convert those aspirations into reality;
- and with the hope and confidence that the rewards of the retirement upon which you will soon embark will be commensurate with the rewards that your stewardship has brought to the institution that we all cherish.

Bill, here's to you.

With your participation, the possibilities are endless!

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MEMORABLE MENTOR

At Commencement 2006, UMW's Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Claudia Emerson, was voted by graduating seniors as the professor most likely to be remembered as having the greatest impact on their lives. Here, Emerson chats with English Department colleagues Mary Rigsby and Warren Rochelle. Turn to pages 18 & 19 to find out more about Emerson.

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